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Aideed suffers another setback

Charlette layer la MOGADISHU (AFP) -Warlord Mohammad Farah Aideed came under increaslog pressure Friday as his TWO TO THE DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF THE STAT "interior minister," Mohammad Qanyare Afrah, lost his The terms and terms of the term power base as leader of the main faction of the powerful Murasade clan.

Islamic Jihad holds rally in Gaza

GAZA CITY (AFP) — The Palestinian group Islamic Jihad held a rally in self-ruled Gaza City on Friday calling for "death to Israel" and pledging to keep up the armed struggle. An official of the group, Mohammad Al Hindi, said Palestinian police had arrested at least four Jihad members from Jabaliyah refugee camp the previous night and prevented 90 buses from being used to ferry supporters to the rally. "We promise to God and our people that we will not so back on our choice which states there is no place for we will not go back on our choice which states there is no place for the Zionist entity in Palestine," a Jihad leader. Sheikh Abdallah Shami, told a crowd of around 1,500 people. The crowd chanted "Allahu Akhbar" "Death to Israel," and "Death to America." Israeli and U.S. flags were trampled before being set ablaze at the rally, held to commemorate the death of six Jihad fighters in a clash with Israeli troops on Oct. 6, 1987, a date the group marks as the start of the inofada. "We are called upon now, more than ever, to carry oo with the Jihad (holy war). We can not stop, "said the group's leader. Fathi Shakaki, who lives in Damascus, in a message read out at the rally.



Iragi defectors sue Israel for freedom

TEL AVIV (AP) — Thirty Iraqi citizens and one Iranian sued the State of Israet for violating their freedom after they defected to State of Israet for violating their freedom after they defected to Israel requesting political asylum and have been held in prisons ever since, a published report said Friday. The suit, filed Thursday at the Tel Aviv district court against the state and the ministry of interior, is demanding monetary compensation of 6,134,700 shekels (\$2,045,233), according to the daily Davar newspaper. Six of the plaintiffs have been labelled by Israeli authorities as posing a danger to the State of Israel and have claim they have been tortured by their Israeli interrogators, Davar said: The lawsuit said that all the plaintiffs left their countries of origin because they opposed the life imposed upon them under the regimes of their countries and requested political asylum in Israel. But they have been imprisoned in Israel and ordered deported. Davar said. The longest detention has lasted since Oct. 4, 1992, and the most recent since May, 1994, the report said.

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Israel, PLO try to settle pullout crisis

Combined agency dispatches

ISRAEL AND the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) are trying to settle a crisis over PLO fears that Israel is delaying an army pullout from West Bank cities it agreed to leave under a deal signed in Washington last month

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat plan to meet in Gaza oo Sunday to try to nail down a troop witbdrawal timetable, Arafat aide Nabil Ahul Rdainah said oo Friday.

The meeting will discuss the timing for redeployment and discuss the subject of the Palestinian women prisoners," Mr. Abu Rdainah said. Mr. Arafat, angry at what

he sees as Israeli delays in starting the pull out, on Thursday wrote to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rahin, expressing concern that Israel would not complete the overall redeployment on time. The PLO also told Israel it

would reconsider its participation in a conference on regional development in Amman this month unless the withdrawal dispute was resolved. Mr. Rabin has vowed that

Israel will stick to the dates for its army to pull out of West Bank towns once a timetable is agreed with the

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An Israeli policeman struggles with a sheep during a right-wing protest in Jerusalem in support of Jewish settlers in the occupied West Bank who are waging a bitter campaign against Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank (AFP

Turkey warns Syria on Kurdish rebels

dish rebels from staging cross-border attacks from Syrian bases, the foreign minstry said. Kurdish rebels. fighting for autonomy in southeastern Turkey, often strike from hases in Syria, Iraq and Iran. The Kurdish conflict has claimed more than 20,000 lives since 1984. The foreign ministry said there were 10 serious attacks by guerrillas crossing the Svrian border since Fehruary. Each time the rebels were able to escape hack to Syria,

Egyptian painter sues Israel

CAIRO (AFP) - An Egyptian painter has begun a legal action demanding \$5 million in damages and the return of 24 of his works seized by the Israeli army during the 1967 Middle East war, be said Friday. Mustafa Bakir said the works, all depicting the life of the bedouins of the Sinai, were seized when Israeli troops occupied the peninsula in 1967. "An Israeli intelligence officer named Ahu Zuheir hurst into my house at Al Arish in the summer of 1967. When be didn't find me, he took away 24 of my paintings in military vehicles," Mr. Bakir told AFP. "There are several witnesses who are still living and ready to turn up in court. The Israeli forces wanted to take revenge because of my services to the Egyptian army during the occupation," said the painter, who added that he fled Al Arish for Jordan and then Cairo three months after the June 1967 war. Mr. Bakir said Israel's decision last year to return bundreds of antiques taken from the Sinai during the 1967-82 occupation had prompted him to go to court.

Bosnia fronts mostly quite ANKARA (AP) — Turkey demanded Syria block Kurdish rebels from staging despite battle in northwest

SARAJEVO (Agencies) — Bosnia's most hopeful ceasefire to date has quieted almost all battlefields, but the government insisted Serbs must do more to lift the siege of Sarajevo before peace talks can start.

After weeks of heavy fighting, U.N. officials deemed any ceasefire violations insignificant, even as the government and rebel Serbs accused each other of new attacks in the bitterly contested north-

Rival military leaders sniped at each other through the media and threatened retaliation. But the warring parties sat down in Sarajevo under U.N. auspices to discuss how to firm up the truce. With Washington leading the peace drive, this ceasefire

is given more chance than countless previous truces. "So far so good," Bosnian Prime Minister Haris Sila-

TOKYO (R) — Iraq will not sell its oil under a U.N. sanc-

tions exception, or any other

kind of international supervi-

sion, a senior Iraqi oil official

"It is not because of the

U.N. supervision. Any kind

of supervision is an interfer-

ence with Iraq's sovereign-

ty," Fadhil Abadi, general secretary of Iraq's National

Energy Committee, told

U.N. order from world oil

markets since its August 1990

invasion of Kuwait, starving

Baghdad of foreign ex-

change. A U.N. resolution

allows Iraq a once-off oil sale, worth \$2 billion, under

U.N. supervision, to pay for

imports of food, medicine

Iraq has been resisting the

"No country will accept

another country's offer to sell

their oil to huy (materials for)

our people's needs and distri-

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and other essential goods.

offer.

Iraq has been banned by

Reuters in an interview.

said on Friday.

idzic told the Associated Press. "It won't be a clear-cut situation. It never is. It is not easy to stop the war machine, hut I think it will go well."

"The ceasefire has more chance than previous ones, because the readiness (for it) is greater than before," said Momcilo Krajisnik, a Serb leader.

U.S. negotiators hope to use the two-month truce that began early Thursday for talks leading to an international peace conference in Paris.

As the sides prepare for peace talks, due Oct. 31 in the United States, they also laid out demands they want

No review of Iraq sanctions

before one year, U.S. says

U.S. OFFICIALS said at the U.N. on Friday that after

hearing the latest report on Iraqi arms stockpiles, a review of sanctions keeping Baghdad's oil off world markets could

"It's certainly not weeks or months," a spokesman for

U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Madeleine

Albright said. "It is difficult to imagine Iraq being able to

Ms. Albright, speaking to journalists, called the report

released Wednesday "stunning" and said it showed that

Iraq "cheated and lied more than anybody suspected."

The report on Iraqi disarmament by the U.N. Special Commission (UNSCOM) investigating Iraqi compliance

with U.N. Security Council resolutions following the Gulf

war in 1990 found Baghdad "misleading" it about secret

nuclear, biological and chemical weapons it amassed before

Ms. Albright said the new information has forced a

complete reevaluation of UNSCOM procedures to monitor

Iraqi disarmament, since it was not able to detect the

analyse what seems to be a million pages of information,

and we have to make sure the monitoring system ... is

upgraded," Ms. Albright said, adding that it will take a lot

"What has to happen is that the commission has to

weapons programme without Kamel's defection.

not take place before at least one year.

establish its credibility in a year."

the war.

Bosnian Foreign Minister Mohammad Sacirbey said a road to the eastern enclave of Gorazde must be opened, and a road out of besieged . A U.N. aid convoy tried to

reach Gorazde from Sarajevo Thursday on the main road through Serb-held territory. The convoy soon had to turn back because of mines, which U.N. engineers must clear "centimetre hy centimetre," said French Colonel Patrick

Serb soldiers at a checkpoint on the road indicated they would not clear it - a condition of the ceasefire

agreement. Mr. Silajdzic acknowledged it could take time for the road to be secured, but hoped this is done "in the shortest time possible," so besieged Gorazde could receive regular supplies.

Restoration of gas and electricity to Sarajevo was vital for the truce. Access to Gorazde was part of the U.S.-brokered ceasefire agreement, but an open road major military base is lo-(Continued on page 7) cated.

Baghdad rejects controlled oil sales, top official affirms

Abdullah said Mr. Rabbani's top commander and exdefence minister, Ahmad Shah Massood, (see page 2), himself directed the overnight attack from the Television Tower hills in southern Kabul to prevent the Talihan

Unconfirmed reports from the front line said the government, faced with an onslaught of Talibans, was forced to withdraw from several fortified positions.

Among the wounded in Friday's fighting were two journalists working for the French news service, Agence France-Presse.

AFP Kabul correspondent

King reaffirms commitment to seeking comprehensive peace in Middle East Greek Orthodox Church honours King Hussein, Crown Prince Hassan for their efforts for peace

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majes y King Hussein reaf-firmed that he would spare no effort to bring about a just, comprehensive and lasting peace to the Middle East so that the peoples of the region can live in an atmosphere marked by stability and

He was speaking at a meet-ing at the Royal Court with Greek Patriarch of Jerusalem Deodorus I, who presented the King with "Golden Necklace" Peace Prize in recogni-tion of his efforts to bring peace to the Middle East.

King Hussein voiced his appreciation to the Greek Orthodox Church for the award, the highest Greek Orthodox patriarchate's

l'auriarch Deodorus also presented His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan with a similar prize in recognition of his peace efforts and his drive to achieve development to the peoples of the

Before presenting the awards the patriarch deli-vered an address reaffirming his and his constituency's



His Majesty King Hussein and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan on Thursday receive Greek Orthodox Patriarch Deodoros I (Petra photo)

continued allegiance to the lashemite throne.

He laoded the Kingdom's leadership for continued efforts to attain prosperity in Jordao and to serve its citizens without any discrimination between Muslims and Christians wbo, he said, have been coexisting peacefully under the Hashemite

The patriarch said that the church also supports the Jordan-Israel peace treaty. which, he said, serves as a model for peace agreements

Kabul says Taliban assault halted

KABUL (Agencies) — A counter-offensive by the residential forces has halted the Taliban militia's advance towards the Afghan capital and the city centre was calm

Friday.
Officials here said troops loval to President Burhanuddin Rahbani in a counterattack the previous night dislodged the Talihan militia from the southern fringes of Kabul.

Rahhani forces unleashed salvoes of long-range rockets at Taliban positions during the night, Afghan govern-ment spokesman Abdullah said. The fighting subsided before dawn. Residents said that no more explosions were heard early Friday.

Abdullah described the counter-attack as a great success. The Talihans have been pushed hack from the Khairahad Hills, which dominate the southern flank of Kabul, he said, claiming that presidential forces also recaptured Rishkor, where a

Sources here said the situation at the Kahul frontline was stable, but it was not yet clear who controls Rishkor. The Talibans had overrun Rishkor, about 12 kilometres from the centre of Kahul, on Wednesday after a series of advances that included the capture of Charasyab, 25 kilometres south of the city.

There were no details on Friday about any fighting at Charasyab, which served as former headquarters of Muslim fundamentalist leader Gulhuddin Hekmatyar's Hezb-e-Islami faction.

penetration into the city.

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Hizbollah kills 3 soldiers; Israel pins blame on Syria

Combined agency dispatches

LEBANESE FIGHTERS killed three Israeli soldiers and wounded six others in a South Lehanon amhush which the Jewish state hlamed on Syria and the deadlock in their peace process on Friday.

Lehanese and Israeli sources said Iranian-hacked Hizbollah were behind the bloodiest ambush in South Lehanon this year.

Lehanese security sources said the guerrillas detonated a remote-controlled bomb as the Israelis were travelling in three unmarked civilian vehicles at 9:15 p.m. (1915 GMT) Thursday.

The attack occurred on a road near the village of Aishiveh in the central sector of an Israeli-occupied border enclave, known as the "security zone."

In Israel, an army spokesman confirmed the casual-

The attack threatened to machine gunfire and

aggravate hostilities in the south amid signs peace negotiations between Israel and Syria, the main power broker in Lehanon, were seriously deadlocked.

The U.S. State Department announced Thursday that Secretary of State Warren Christopher, who is due in Jordan later this month for an economic conference, had no plans for a new diplomatic, shuttle hetween Syria and

The Lehanese security sources, speaktin in the Israeli-held enclave on condition of anonymity, said among the Israeli fatalities was an officer. At least two of the wounded were in critical condition.

Israel (see page 2).

The victims were evacuated by helicopter to hospital in nonhern Israel.

Hizbollah claimed responsibility for the attack.

'A communique by Hizbol-lah said the ambushers raked the Israeli patrol with

shoulder-fired rocketpropelled grenades just after the roadside bomb went off,

The Israelis responded with massive barrages of howitzer and tank fire on villages opposite the ambush scene while helicopter gunships strafed suspecied guerrilla infiltration trails under parachute flares.

Lehanese police in the southern market town of Nahatiyeh said they had no immediate word on casualties from the nightlong bombardment, which touched off several hush fires.

The ambush was the worst against Israeli forces in the south this year. On June 18. three Israeli soldiers were killed and three injured in a

guerrilla attack in the south. The Israelis have been using unmarked vehicles in their movements to and from front line outposts in the south to avoid detection by the guerrillas. Most of their

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Expellee crisis to be solved in week or two, Musa says

CAIRO (Agencies) — Li-byan leader Muammar Qadhafi will suspend a decision ordering 30,000 Palestinians to leave his country, Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Musa said on Friday. Mr. Musa also told repor-

ters that hundreds of Palestinians who are stranded in a desert camp between the Libyan-Egyptia border would return to their homes in Libya or go to the self-rule area of Gaza within the next two weeks. In August, Colonel Oadha-

fi ordered 30,000 Palestinians in his country to leave and return to Palestinian selfruled areas to expose what he calls the sham peace between the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and "Colonel Muammar

Qadhafi will suspend a de-cree to depon 30,000 Palestinians who live in Libya. The Palestinian deportees will vacate the camp within a short period that will not exceed a week or two," Mr. Musa

The Egyptian minister met Col. Qadhafi in Tripoli last Friday to discuss the fate of the Palestinians. Ahout 100 expelled

Palestinians will leave the tents on the border either to return to their homes in

Lihya or to go to the Gaza Strip via Egypt," Mr. Musa

"Israel had shown an understanding for the need 10 solve the problem," An official at the Egyptian

Foreign Ministry said that Palestinians who have some family living in Gaza will he able to rejoin them, while the others will be able to return to their homes in Libya." Neither Mr. Musa nor the

foreign ministry mentioned the fate of those Palestinians who want to travel to the occupied West Bank. So far Egypt has banned those without the necessary permits from crossing its territory for Gaza or the West Bank.

Lihya has fired hundreds of Palestinian expatriates from their jobs and confiscated their houses, effectively expelling them. About 900 Palestinians are stranded at a makeshift Libyan-run camp on the border with Egypt. waiting to return to PLOruled Gaza and Jericho, where entry is controlled by Israei.

An official source at the Egyptian-Lihyan border said on Thursday Col. Qadhafi would visit Egypt on Friday for talks with President Hosni Mubarak on the deported Palestinians.

But an official at the Libyan representative office in Cairo said Col. Qadhafi was unlikely to visit Cairo within the next 48 hours because he was husy with the president of the Central African Republic who is in Tripoli on an official visit.

Palestinians in the border camp said that food supplies which had been arriving daily were halted on Wednesday. But the Cairo Foreign Ministry said the decision was "not aiming at harming them but was a good sign that they

will soon be repatriated." Since last Saturday the Lihyans had started taking back blankets and sheets they had given, another camp dweller

said, adding: "We are sleep-ing on cardboard now."

The Palestinians also said medical services provided hy Tripoli were inadequate They said a three-year-old child, Mohammad Ali Ihrahim, was taken Thursday to hospital in the Egyptian town of Salloum suffering from diarrhoea.

Egyptian horder police confirmed the report, saying there were no medicines in two hospital tents supplied by Libva. They said the child, who had gone to hospital with his mother, would be returned to the camp when he was better.

Western powers seek to deprive Libya of seat in **Security Council**

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Unless African states soon come up with a North African substitute for Lihya's candidacy for a Security Council seat, the council could be without an Arab member in 1996 for the first time in nearly 30 years, West-ern diplomats said on Thurs-

day.
The United States, Britain and France have mounted a major campaign, both in world capitals and at the United Nations, to prevent Libya from being elected to a two-year council term.

They say it would be un-conscionable for a country under U.N. sanctions to have a seat on the prestigious 15member body responsible for international peace and

The 185-nation General Assembly is due to hold a secret ballot Nov. 8 to fill five forthcoming vacancies on the council, beginning Jan. I.

Among the countries leaving the council on Dec. 31 is Oman, its only current Arab. member. The last time the council had no Arab member

was in 1967. Lihya, which has so far had only one term on the council, in 1976-77, has been endorsed by the African group for a seat which, under a system of rotation, is to he filled by a North African

Sanctions were first imposed on Libya in 1992 because of its failure to surreoder for trial in Britain or the United States two alleged in-

ALEXANDRIA (AFP) — Work to rebuild the library of

Alexandria has finally begun

after a series of disputes and

delays, but \$100 million is

still needed before the

ancient wonder can be fully

not only from nations but

from non-governmental orga-.

nisations and individuals, so

that this becomes truly an

international project," said

Mohsen Zahran, who heads

The General Organisation

for the Alexandria Library

(GOAL), which Mr. . Zahran

directs, has received only 70

million of a total of \$170

million in pledges, he said.

Presidents, kings and

princes promised the funds in '

1990 at an elaborate cere-

mony in the southern Egyptian city of Aswan after UN-

ESCO called for internation-

al assistance to rebuild the

ancient library destroyed

hectare site for the project

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GOAL to the tune of \$1

millinn a year, with an overall

contribution estimated at

But the international funds

have heen slow in arriving

and the project has been held

up. The library, meant to be

among the 20 largest in the

world, was to have opened

But construction of the

foundations did not begin un-

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Alexandria Library needs

"I appeal for contributions remains of a palace garden

\$100m to revive its past

telligence agents indicted in the December 1988 mld-air bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scot-land, which killed 270 peo-

Libya was also punished for failing to cooperate with a French investigation into the Sept. 1989 bombing of UTA Flight 772 over Niger in which all 171 aboard were killed. The Western powers have

been trying to get the African group to prevail on Libya to withdraw its candidacy in favour of another North African state, most likely Egypt, Tunisia or Morocco.

They say they are confident of enough votes to prevent Libya from obtaining the two-thirds majority of assembly votes needed to win

If a North African state other than Libya fails to stand as a candidate, Western diplomats say the assembly is likely to elect a country from another region of Africa. This would leave the council without an Arab member, at least until another five seats come up for election towards the end of 1996.

Libya, which says the two wanted men cannot get a fair trial in Britain or the United States, has offered to allow them to be tried at the seat of the world court at the Hague, under Scottish law and before

Scottish judge, London and Washington have rejected the proposal. saying it does not satisfy the Security Council's require-

when archaeologists pro-

tested that the site, said to be

atop an ancient Ptolemaic

palace not far from the ori-

ginal library, had not yet

A subsequent dig unco-

vered a Greco-Roman road.

and two spectacular mosaics. all of which "will be put in

the library's museum." Mr.

has not been explored, but

everything that should be

found has been." Mr. Zahran

said: "Work can now con-

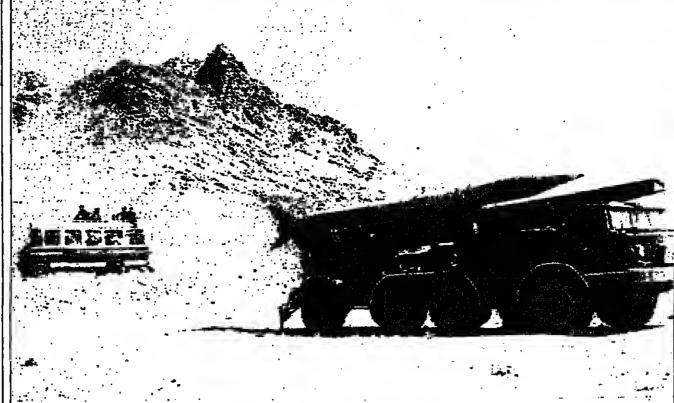
The ancient library, the

tinue 24 hours a day,"

A quarter of the site still

been excavated.

Zahran said.



BATTLE FOR KABUL: An Afghan passenger bus drives past a Russian-made Luna rocket launcher manned by forces loyal to President Burhanuddin Rabbani north of Kabul. The Kabul government said Friday Rabbani forces had launched a counter-offensive against an assult on the capital by the Taliban militia (see page one) (AFP photo)

Christopher excludes visits. to Israel and Syria this time

WASHINGTON (USIA) — Secretary of State Warren Christopher will lead the U.S. delegation to the Amman economic summit, making opening remarks there and conducting bilateral meetings before returning to the United States to participate in the recently scheduled Bosnian proximity talks, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said Thurs-

The Amman conference, the spokesman said, is part of the U.S. strategy to support the Middle East peace pro-cess 'and specifically the economic dimension" of that process. The United States hopes "very much," he said, "that this particular conference will encourage regional economic cooperation and development and that it will demonstrate a fundamental, lesson... that peace pays" and that the future of all the peoples of the Middle East is best secured through economic development... (and) public and private economic cooperation. Mr. Burns also expressed the U.S. hope that American business "will play a large role" in the conference and an even larger role in the future in terms of investment in the Middle

secretary will devote much of

his time to the important

economic aspects of the Mid-

dle East peace process. Mr. Burns said, and he is also

expected to meet with King

Mr. Christopher returns

from Amman to Washington

on Oct. 30 and will travel to

the as yet unidentified east

coast location of the Bosnia

proximity talks to participate

in their opening. If it weren't

for those talks, Mr. Burns

said, the secretary would

have made a hroader, longer

swing through the Middle

The spokesman noted that

peace in Bosnia and the Mid-

die East are "among the

first big public library in his-Eastern nations. and received a copy of every Mr. Christopher will demanuscript that entered part Washington on Oct. 28 Egypt.
It was damaged during for Jordan, arriving in time for the conference's opening Julius Caesar's siege of the ceremony on Oct. 29. He will Mediterranean city in 48 also hold bilateral consulta-B.C., then burned to the tions later that day, according ground by the fanatical to the spokesman. The

Hussein.

Christian patriarch Theophile in the fourth century. The new library is to hold 200 000 volumes when it is opened. 100,000 of which have already been obtained.

Its design, by a Norwegian architect, was chosen through an international competition 1989 and consists of a cylinder 160 metre across filled lowards the sea to represent the rising sun and a reborn civilisation.

"The Alexandria Lihrary should be as modern in 1998 as its predecessor was in its time. said Jacqueline Leroy. a French adviser to the proiect who worked on the Pompidou Centre and the Insti-A first attempt to begin tule of the Arah World in construction in 1993 blocked Paris.

highest priorities" of the American people and the Clinton administration, and the secretary feels it is very important to have a presence in "both places and accomplish what we hope will be

progress" in both. While acknowledging that the Middle East peace process is currently on a "very tough track" and that existing problems are "extremely dif-ficult." Mr. Burns said Secretary of State Christopher remains determined that the United States will play "an aggressive role in helping Syria and Israel find peace in the future" and is ready to return to the region if there is any prospect for affecting the outcome.

The spokesman said the secretary will not, however, be travelling To Middle Eastern cities other than Amman during his October trip to the region. Given the upcoming Bosnian proximity talks, which open Oct. 31, Mr... Burns said it is not possible for Mr. Christopher to make an extended visit to the region. He also said he does not expect the Amman visit to develop into a mini-summit on the Middle East peace. process.

While acknowledging that the progress achieved during the last set of talks in Damascus and Jerusalem in June was not as substantial as the U.S. had hoped, Mr. Burns said the U.S. believes it is worth trying to develop some momentum and that "ultimately" Syria and Israel can have "comparable success" to that of the Israelis and Palestinians. "It is certainly not a time for the United States to give up," he stressed, because the entire effort is part of "a long-range pro-

Although U.S. participation and support can make a difference in that process, the spokesman suggested that no "imminent progress" or "dramatic breakthroughs" are expected which would necessitate the secretary's presence in any other Middle Eastern capitals anytime

Asked about Syria's earlier commitment to military-to-

Iraqi defector says he military talks and the role of such talks in the evolving escaped process, the spokesman said such military discussions would be "useful" and are prohably, "necessary, ultiattacks mately, for a resolution" of problems related to the

Golan Heights and other

Mr. Burns acknowledged

that the remaining issnes are

affect the future security of

Israel and Syria. At the same

time, he noted that personali-

ties are also a factor in the

peace process equation. "I

don't think there is an intrin-

sic problem on the personal-ity side," he explained, "but I

think that the problems are

difficult for historical reasons

and for reasons baving to do

with, perhaps, differing con-ceptions of the national

security interests of both

Asked by a reporter about

the window of opportunity

for making progress on the remaining difficult peace pro-

cess issues, Mr. Burns said that while the window re-

mains open, "there will come

a time in 1996" when both Israel and the U.S. will enter

into long political election

campaigns which will distract

them and make it difficult to

spend as much time as in the

past on "time consuming problems" like the Middle

East process. With that in

mind, the spokesman ex-

pressed the hope that Israel

and Syria will do their "very

best" in the coming months

Asked about reports that

some Palestinians are thre-

atening to boycott the Am-

man economic summit if the

Israelis do not fully imple-

ment the West Bank accords,

Mr. Burns said he had heard

nothing on the subject

through official channels.

there is "every reason" for

the economic summit to be successful, he said, given the

stake that both the Israelis

and the Palestinians, as well

as others, have in it. Imple-

mentation of the accords has

to be worked out by the two

sides, the spokesman said.

think that they will work out

"and we have every reason to

The United States believes

to make progress.

'difficult" because they

Syrian-Israeli disputes.

LONDON (AP) — An Iraqi diplomat who was chief of protocol at Saddam Hussein's presidential palace said Thursday he fled the country after two assassination attempts against him. Hussein Rashid Hassan

appeared at a London news conference wearing a false beard and dark glasses because he said he feared for his

He refused to answer a number of key questions, saying he was worried about

family members in Iraq.
Mr. Hassan said he was "directly counceted" to President Saddam's son-in-law, Hussein Kamel, who was general director of special security for the president's office while he was chief of protocol.

Hussein Kamel brother defected on Aug. 8 with their wives, both daughters of President Saddam. and are now living in Jordan. The men have said they plan to join the opposition and seek President Saddam's overthrow.

Mr. Hassan's defection was announced Tuesday by the London-based Supreme Council for Islamic Revolution in Iraq. It said he had joined the exiled opposition group which is trying to topple President Saddam.

While working as chief of protocol, Mr. Hassan said, "I was detained and interrogated by several security agencies because of allegations made about me. After that there were two attempts made to assassinate me."

He did not give any details or dates but the Associated Press learned that he was arrested in 1990. It was clear from the news conference that he left Iraq at least a year ago and had been living in Jordan before coming to London on Sept. 29.

Mr. Hassan told the news conference that President Saddam retains control over all military matters.

U.S. to work on trade status for Palestinians

WASHINGTON (USIA) — The U.S. Trade Representa-tive, Mickey Kantor, will arrive in Israel Oct. 16 on his first official visit to the coun-

Speaking briefly to repor-ters Thursday, Mr. Kantor said that the purpose of his trip was to "strengthen nes" with Israel, which has had a free trade agreement with the United States for the past 10

While there, Mr. Kantor will also discuss the administration's offer to allow Palestinian imports from Gaza and the West Bank to enter the United States without tariffs. The offer cannot be put into effect, however, until it is authorised by the

U.S. Congress.
The legislation which would do this is included in a larger, "fast track" bill which would give the administration the authority to negotiate future trade agreements without undue congressional in-tervention. President Clinton has threatened to veto the Republican-controlled Con-

gress' version of the bill, however, and the two sides are currently negotiating their differences "in good

faith," Mr. Kantor said. If and when the authorisa-tion is made, Mr. Kantor said he expects the Palestinians to begin exporting textiles and agricultural goods to the Un-

ited States, tariff-free. The idea to permit the free trade in Palestinian goods, Mr. Kantor said, came from Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and was strongly backed by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin as a way of Bolstering Israeli security as well as helping Gaza and the West Bank.

In return, the Palestinians have agreed to work towards ending the Arab League boycott of Israel, Mr. Kantor

Mr. Kantor said that be would also be discussing Israeli tariffs on U.S. agricultural goods during the four days he is in the country. "Those tariffs should be removed," he stated.

Afghan hero has his back to wall

ISLAMABAD (AFP) -Afghanistan's former Defence Minister Ahmad Shah Masood, a hero of the anti-Soviet war and overall commander of forces loval to President Burhamuddin Rahbani, is risking his all in ongoing battles with the Taliban movement.

He faces the twin challenges of advances by the Taliban militia and treason within his own ranks.

"If he loses Kabul, he loses everything," said an Afghan intellectual, adding, "Kabul is the throne or the coffin."

Defence Ministry spokesman Ahdullah told AFP that

Mr. Masood was "personally in overall command" of the counter-offensive Jaunched on the Talibans late Thursday, two days after the movement made good its pledge 10 and allack Kabul to overthrow President Rabbani.

Raised from the dust of the Panjshir valley, to the north of Kabul, from where he waged the struggle against a half dozen Soviet offensives. Mr. Masood now risks returning there, reduced to being just one among numer-

ous commanders. The Talibans, who have sworn to capture Kabul and drive out all the rival factions, are in no mood to give him any quarter, "If the Talibans are ready

to lei Rabbani go, they are more than willing to hang Masood, said a representative of a humanitarian organisation working in Afghanis-

Many observers believe that a Talibans victory in Kabul would mean open season on the Panishiris who took over Kabul after the fall of the communists in April 1992.

The Panjshiris, who form the core of Masood's troops. can therefore be expected to wage a desperate hattle to keep their hold on the capital which they have made home for themselves and their

Although Mr. Masood was forced to cede to the Talibans

bastions south of Kabul, Charasvah and Riskhor, he is not lacking in the means to put up a fight.

Diplomats say he has some 12,000 hartle-hardened troops, a huge quantity of military hardware inherited from the communist regime and still intact defence lines dating back to the days of president Najibullah.

"The mujahedeen have never succeeded in taking Kabul by force," said a diplomat. He recalled that even the communist regime did not suffer a military defeat but collapsed under the weight of betrayals and changes of alliances.

This same risk awaits Mr. Masood, reportedly a brilliant military strategist but a poor politician.

Many Afghans especially the Pashtuns, who make up the majority, accuse Mr. Masood of having concentrated power among mem-bers of his own ethnic Tajik group, especially the Panj-

All the men who hold key posts in Kabul, the "emi nence grise" Abdul Rahman, security chief General Fahim, de facto defence minister Yunus Qarooni and spokesman Abdullah are all Tajiks loyal to Mr. Masood.

Other ethnic groups were marginalised and alienated from circles of power. Hence their resentment.

There is a very high risk of betrayal at present. in the coalition controlling Kabul, saíd a diplomai specialising in Afghan affairs. Leaders in Kahul are

aware that the fall of Charasvab and Rishkor on Tuesday and Wednesday could not have occurred without some commanders giving away their positions to the attacking Talihans in exchange for considerations, a practice considered widespread in the internecine Afghan battles. Masood did not know

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problem.

how to trust," his enemies say, adding, "now he will sow what he has reaped."

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> Deputising for her Majesty Queen Noor, Princess Rania Abdullah Friday joins some 4,000 marchers, along with Princess Ghida Talal and Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ben Zeid to her right and Mrs. Abdul Salam Majali to her left, in a march which kicked off from the Cerebral Palsy Foundation (CPF) premises in Mecca street to the Ahli Club near the 8th Circle. The march is the culmination of week-long activities carried out by the CPF to mark the National Day for CP, which fell on Oct.5. The march aimed to raise funds to support the CPF projects throughout the Kingdom. Princess Rania also toured the CPF facilities and was briefed on its establishment and objectives by the CPF President Fakhri Bilbeisi. (Petra Photo)

Her Majesty Queen Noor Thursday chairs a meeting of the Higher National Committee of the Jerash Festival at Al-Ma'wa Palace to review and critique this sum-

mer's cultural and artistic performance, exhibitions and activities as well as to plan

for the festival's special 15th anniversary programme oext year. During their discussion, the members stressed the importance of the festival in developing and pro-

moting the country's cultural life and in enhancing and contributing to a more bal-

anced regional and international understanding of Jordan and of Arab and Islamic

culture. The festival, which has proven to be one of the most successful annual meet-

ings of Arabs and Jordanians, promotes international cross-cultural exchange and

tourism. According to a Royal Court statement, Queen Noor expressed her pride in

the festival's "unique example of inter-sectoral cooperation ranging from student volunteers to substantial participation and support from private and public organ-

Excessive bureaucracy, overstaffing and unqualified civil servants still a problem, says Mohieddin Toq

AMMAN (J.T.)) - Minister of Administrative Development Mohieddin Toq said despite the repeated attempts by Jordan to tackle administrative problems, the Kingdom was still facing problems such as excessive bureaucracy, lack of training of administrative staff, overstaffed departments as well as

unqualified civil servants. In an interview with Al Aswaq Arabic daily, Dr. Toq said Jordan has been trying to tackle such problems since 1984 when. under His Majesty King Hassein's directives, the Royal Commission on Administrative Development was set up. He said the commission managed in 1988 to draft the civil

He added that in 1994, the Royal Commission on Reform and Modernisation was set up to address administrative illnesses

facing the government. The minister noted that by the end of 1994, a regulation was issued creating the Ministry of Administrative Development and that the ministry came into being by the beginning of

He said the ministry cannot on its own tackle administrative problems and that it needs the cooperation of all the ministries and departments. He added



Mohieddin Toq

that developing government administration will take a long time, noting that swift changes in administrative leaderships do not serve that purpose.

He said ministerial changes affect the progress of administrative plans and policies, describing these changes as one of the major problems facing administrative development.

Dr. Too said one of the experiences that survived such changes was the educational development process, which was headed by His Royal Highness Crowo Prince Hassan since its start in the mid-1980s.

He added that public opinion tends to ignore successful development policies and plans, pointing at the success of the Department of Passports and Civil Registration in

fighting bureancracy. He said a citizen can at the present time obtain a passport within hours instead of several days as was the case before the administrative development process carried out by the department.

He also commended the experience of the Jordan Authority, Electricity which he described as a institution pioneering offering services to a large number of Arab and Third World countries.

He said as of next year, new civil servants will, according to a new administrative plan, have to enroll in training programme, and he stressed that promotion in government departments will be linked to the employees' success in such pro-

grammes. This plan, be said, eotails offering training to the 135,000 civil servants, which might take years.

The minister said personnel in the ministries of education and health constitute 70 per cent of civil servants, adding that government employees in jordan constitute 45 per cent of the the Kingdom's workforce, including personnel of the Armed Forces, the public security, civil defence and general intelligence depart-

Siemens to install JD26m digital telephone exchange around Jordan

AMMAN (Petra) -The Telecommunications Corporation (TCC) has signed agreement Siemens, the German electronic firm, to install moddigital telephone exchanges in several regions in Jordan at a cost of JD 26 million, according to an announcement by the TCC Friday.

Under the terms of the agreement, signed by TCC Director General Walid Dweik and Siemens Manager Herman Frans, the company will install and start the operations of the exchanges within two

The TCC announcement said that Siemens will install 22 exchanges which would create a total of 298 circuits in several regions. The statement said the

project, to be implemented in stages, entails setting up

the exchanges in the Amman, Irbid, Salt, Ajloun. Zarqa, Jerash, Karak, Tafileh and Mafraq gover-Minister of Post and

Communications Saraireh, who attended the signing cermony, was quoted last month as saying that the ministry plans to modernise the telecommunications sector within the framework of an overall national programme.

He had said that the telecommunications sector needed to undertake several projects until the year 2008 at the estimated value of \$1.067 billion.

Mr Saraireh said some of the projects under consideration by the ministry would be submitted to foreign investors at the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) conference later this month.



Telecommunications Corporation Director General Walid Dweik and Siemens Manager Herman Frans Thursday evening exchange copies of an agreement they signed for the installation of digital telephone exchanges in the country (Petra photo)

Private sector to propose construction

Writers group to honour award winners

By Lola Keilani Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN —The 1994 Jordanian Writers' Associa-(JWA) awards, announced last week, will be presented to the awardwinners Nov. 15, at the Royal Cultural Centre.

This year, the awards, which were first established in 1984, will for the first time include an award for democracy, freedom and journalism.

Ionrnalists qualifying for the new award, said presi-dent of the JWA. Ibrahim Absi..."should be known for their firm stand io defending democracy and buman rights in the Arab

The new award, the ninth io the JWA list of awards, late Jordanian journalist Michel Nimry, known for his publications on the violation of burnan rights in the Arab World.

Michel Nimry was assassinated in Athens in 1985. The new award does, to some extent, overlap with

the aims of the political column award usually presented to journalists, said Mohammad Mashayekh, member of the JWA. The other eight JWA awards are for short story,

thought, political columns and human nights.
The 1994 JWA award to political column writings was awarded to Khairi

poetry, novel, research and

Mansour of Al Dustour Arabic daily. The human nights award goes to those writers who were brave enough to dis-

close buman rights viola-tions in the Arab World. Mr. Absi said that the associatioo believes strongly in such an award because "writers are useless if they do not stand up for those who speak out

against injustices." "Everything has a political basis, human rights is a political night, and the association will support all people who are unjustly

treated," Mr. Absi said. The JWA human rights committee, he said, that grams this award, does not belong to any political

"They (the committee members) are democratic intellectuals who view human rights as integral to Jordan and the Arab

The human rights award for 1994, which is called the "Munther Anabtawi Award" after one of the founders of Arab Human Rights Organisation, is to be presented to three former political prisoners, Dafi Jam'ani, Hakim Fayez and Mujali Nasrawin, all of whom were released recently from Syrian jails where they had been detained for 21 years.

Previous winners of the prize were lawyer Ibrahim Bakr and former deputy Laith Sbubailat.

Candidates for the nine awards, including the new Nimry Award for Democracy, Freedom and Journalism, are cominated by governmental and non-governmental institutions in Jorian and the Arab Writer Federation (AWF), which has bases in 13 Arab comtries, said Mr. Mashavekh.

"The association informs all organisations beforehand of its award plans, so the AWF can have enough time to send in nominations," he added.

The Jordanian winners are Huzaima Habayeb who is to be presented with the 1994 Mahmoud Seif Al Din Irani Award for Short Story Writing. Also from Jordan were Fayez Mahmoud for the novel award, and Yousef Abn Loz and Mohammad Amiri who took the poetry awards.

The two other non-lordanian winners for the 1994 awards were Nasif Nasar of Lebanon, who won the Munif Razzaz Award for Research and Thought, Nabeel Suleiman of Syria, who won the Ghalib Halasa Award for

novels. Each winner will receive JD 500, unless two persons are sharing the award.

The nominations for each award are judged by five-member separate committees made up of writers and thinkers.

In the human rights committee, members must be qualified lawyers, Mr. Absi explained. The delay in announcing

the JWA 1994 awards, said Mr. Ahsi, was because of the internal rift between members of the previous administration committee.

The JWA 1995 awards will be announced very soon, Mr. Absi said.

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EXHIBITIONS

Works by Luis Azcarate at Instituto Cervantes, Jabal Amman.

A Retrospective Exhibition of Sculptures and Drawings (1965-1995) by Mona Saudi at Darat Al Funun, Jebel Weibdeh.

of \$18m golf course at MENA summit AMMAN (Petra) — Jorcamping sites at Wadi Rum dan's proposals for projects

aimed at promoting the country's tourism sector at the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) economic summit include an \$18 million golf course, Akel Biltaji, chairman of a private sector sub-committee on tourism preparing for MENA, said Friday. Mr. Biltaji, who is vice

president of investments at Royal Jordanian, said that the total proposed projects are worth about \$1.5 billion and will be submitted with the aim of attracting foreign investors.

He said that his sub-committee has prepared lists of tourism projects including hotels, integrated tourist villages, golf courses. and other facilities to be set up



Akel Biltaji

at Aqaba at an esomated cost of \$500 million, as well as natural therapeutic centres and other related schemes near the Dead Sea estimated at \$500 million. Mr. Biltaji said youth

and hotels at Petra and Wadi Mousa are among the other projects.

The sub-committee said the proposed \$18 million golf course would be constructed near the Queen Alia International Airport, Mr. Biltaji said.

He said work was already under way on a golf course and a tourist zone in Agaba worth \$168 million, adding that the project is a joint venture undertaken by the Agaba, Region Authority and the American firm Magic Land.

According to Mr Biltaji, the sub-committee has also plans to develop traditional Jordanian handicrafts in the badia region and other rural communities.



Minister of Water and Irrigation Saleh Irsheidat Friday gives the start signal of a march to conserve water. The march, held under the theme "each drop of water counts" was organised by the Jordan Environment Society (JES) in cooperation with the Ministry of Water and Irrigation. Marchers started their walk from the ministry premises and ended at the University of Jordan's sports faculty in the Arjan area, where a sports festival was held. Addressing the festival, Dr Irsheidat said the collection and proper treatment of household waste water helps prevent pollution of surface and ground water sources, thus contributing to upgrading the social and economic conditions of people. Taking part In the march were Ministry of Water and Irrigation's senior staff, the Secretary General of Jordan Valley Authority and a large number of concerned citizens (Petra photo)

111 German cyclists arrive on humanitarian mission

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter AMMAN — A group of III

German physicians, university professors, and other prominent people represeoting the University of Giessen in Germany arrived here Friday oo a humanitarian mission which involves a bicycle tour of Jordan.

The group calls itself Tour Peiper after a German doctor who dedicated his life and work to helping children with cancer.

Led by Professor FLampert, Tour Peiper will ride 37 kilometres through the

streets of Amman, then make their way to Madaba. Karak, Petra, Wadi Rum and Aqaba, a German embassy spokesperson told the Jordan Times.

The official said

group had collected JD 70,000 in contributions from German citizens and will present a cheque in that amount to Al Amal Cancer Centre. According to the official, this will be the group's first trip to the Middle East, having earlier toured several Eastern European countries, including Russia, on similar humanitarian missions.

From Agaba Tour Peiper

will cross to Eilat to start a trip to Bethlehem and Jerusalem, ending their mission by Oct. 22 when they will fly home from Israel, the embassy said. Established in 1983 the

group is gaining fame and support from the public sector of Germany for their humanitarian according to the official. Al Amal Cancer Centre,

a-113 bed medical facility, has received contributions from several European countries, as well as specialised training for its staff in the U.S., and has raised significan donations in the

U. K. Premier woos voters with pledge to cut taxes

BLACKPOOL, England (R) — British Prime Minister John Major Friday promised radical tax ents and a war on crime to carry his Conservative Party to a fifth successive election

In a speech to the party's annual conference, Mr. Major pledged to make Britain the "enterprise centre of Europe" and to fight to stay in power until the 21st century.

Today we meet united, healed, renewed and thirsting for the real fight: with Labour," Mr. Major said. "All elections are important but the next is a watershed - beat Labour one more time, and we've beaten socialism for good."

The next election is due by mid-1997. In opinion polls, Mr. Major's party is trailing about 30 points behind the Labour Party which has been rejuvenated under leader Tony Blair. Mr. Major announced new

initiatives on crime and

Britain wonld establish an FBI-style national squad to support police in the fight against crime and drugs, put 5,000 more police on the

available to send poorer children to private schools. Mr. Major answered the pleas of delegates for votewinning tax cuts. "Now the

recession is over, as soon as prudent, we must get taxes down again," he said. "And be in no doubt I don't only mean income tax. I mean the taxes that damage investment and stultify wealth creation. I mean inheritance tax. I

mean capital gains tax. We

must cut them, and then -

when affordable — we should abolish them." While standing firm against moves for a federal Europe, Mr. Major steered clear of the rampantly nationalist tone of speeches earlier in the week which brought furious responses Brussels Conservatives on the left of

the party.
"I'm for Europe, not against it. And I intend to argue for policies that will help it succeed," said Mr. Major, who defeated anti-European critics in his party in a July leadership hallot.

He went on: "We must be sympathetic, but we must stand our corner... We did not enter it (Europe) for a must understand that it's politically and constitutionally unacceptable."

In a speech that could help decide his electoral and political fate, Mr. Major said building peace in Northern Ireland would remain at the top of his government's priorities.

Meanwhile Defence

Secretary Michael Portillo Friday defended a virulently nationalist speech in which he declared that British troops would never fight for Brussels, saying he had an important point to make.

Mr. Portillo's speech Tuesday to the ruling Conservative Party conference infuriated members of his own party who favour the European Union and was criticised by European Commission Jacques Santer.

But Mr. Portillo said he had been using "vivid language" to make a serious point.

"I don't see why it is regarded as such a sin to use rhetoric to make the antifederalist case," he told BBC Radio.

"I had to use language in the hall in order to inspire

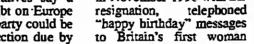
work for us. Our partners is an important matter." Mr. Portillo, a darling of the Conservative right and tipped as a future party leader, said there was "a real battle to be fought against the creep towards European federalism".

"A politician has to be a statesman some days of the week and be has to be able to inspire his party on other days of the week. You have to be well-rounded in that respect," he added.

Mr. Santer, without mentioning Mr. Portillo by name, described anti-European tirades by politicians as "grotesque". Former Conservative minister Edwina Currie described Mr. Portillo's speech as "irresponsible" and potentially offensive.

The row could damage Mr. Major's efforts to portray the ruling party as newly united.

opposition With the Labour Party launching an offensive over Europe portraying themselves as pro-European but mindful of British interests — leftwing Conservatives say a shift to the right on Europe by the ruling party could be fatal in an election due by



to Britain's first woman prime minister. "I hope the rest of your life is as full and challeng-

ing as the wonderful life you have already bad." former U.S. President George Busb said in a gushing accolade aired on BBC

Prime Minister Margaret

Thatcher attracted warm

tributes from around the

world on her 70th birthday

Friday, but it was just

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Thatcher era, which ended

in November 1990 with her

World leaders from the

lady" of British politics.

He praised Thatcher, now a baroness, for her efforts to maintain Britain's alliance with the United States. With a touch of gallantry, be added: "You don't look 70,

anyway.* Lady Thatcher has an adoring following in the United States and regularly conducts public-speaking tours there. Among her closest friends are ex-President Ronald Reagan - a political soulmate with his deeply conservative

America's finest friend and Ronnie and I will cherish remains," he said of ber 11your friendship always," Nancy Reagan said in a

Nancy.

LONDON (R) — Former message broadcast on the

British Prime Minister John Major applauds as Lady Margaret Thatcher takes her

seat on the platform for the economics debate on the third day of the Conservative

World sends 70th birthday

greetings to Lady Thatcher

Party conference in Blackpool (AFP photo)

Lady Thatcher said sbe would not be doing anything special to celebrate. "It's just another day," she told ber daughter Carol Thatcher, a journalist, in a birthday interview.

Margaret office said she would spend the evening quietly at bome with her busband Sir Denis, who is 80.

Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev said be bad met Lady Thatcher during the 1980s at a crucial moment in history.

"I very much value and appreciate the co-operation and understanding that cmerged in our enormous number of meetings," he said, speaking through a translator.

Venerated she may be abroad and among many who still support her views at home, but the ex-premier has also aroused strong dislike in Britain.

Her successor, Prime Minister John Major, who has attracted less than glowing reviews from Lady Thatcher in the past five years, touched on this ambivalence in his mes-

The Controversies fade "You were and are but the substance of what someone achieved year hold on power.

Thursday at the ruling Conservative Party's annual conference.

individual liberty."

Mr. Major has given a dinner to celebrate her birthday and Queen Elizabeth will attend another in her honour.

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Lady Thatcher was given

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were insoluble.

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There will also be a celebration in Washington later this month which could raise more than \$2 million for the Thatcher Foundation which aims to further her

political aims. "I've always had a natural passion for politics and a natural interest in history and a natural passion to get things right for the future. and I bave brought about colossal changes," she said in the interview with Carol.

"I must carry on. You're just as passionate about the future as you were when you set out on the political "When she became prime path."

marred by widespread alle-

gations of fraud. It has been

ruled directly by New Delhi

Mr. Chavan said there

were "attempts" to get the

public "to boycott the elec-

tions and also create vio-

lence." Failure to hold the

polls "would be a victory

Muslim militants and

politicians in the Kashmir

for Pakistan," he added.

since January 1990.

Depardieu junior injured in crash

will last !

PARIS (AFP) -Guillaume Depardieu, the 24-year-old actor son of French film star Gerard Depardicu, has been injured in a motorbike crash. Depardieu junior, who has followed his father's fooisteps onto the hig screen in particular suffered leg injuries in the crash in the Paris region last Friday night. The young actor made his film debut four years ago with Alain Comeau's "Tous Les Matins Du Monde," in which he co-started with his father. He recently finished work on a second feature.

Police help Australian fugitive flee crocodile

SYDNEY (R) - An Australian fugitive is still at large in the outhack thanks to a hungry saltwater crocodile and sharp-shooting police. Raymond Rankine, wanted for crimes such as threatening to kill, was being hunted by police from the Western Australia town of Kununurra after escaping from jail last month. He was tracked to the Ord River, but when police lunged at him he jumped in the river. As he was swept across the river, a fourmetre (12-ft) crocodile slid oft the bank and headed towards Mr. Rankine. Police fired on the crocodile, giving Mr. Rankine time to head up the opposite bank and run away. He has not been seen since.

OJ means orange juice, Florida claims

LAKELAND, Florida (R) - The state agency that markets Florida's \$8 billion citrus industry wants to keep the right to use the letters OJ despite a bid by O. J. Simpson to trademark the initials, a state official said. Lawyers have filed notice with the U.S. Patent Office they want to retain in ads for Florida orange juice, said Michael Sparks of the Florida Department of citrus. "The Florida citrus industry has been using OJ in marketing... certainly for the last 20 years," said Mr. Sparks.

'My name's Brosnan — Pierce Brosnan'

LOS ANGELES (R) -Actor Pierce Brosnan. admits it, he practiced the five most important words for his new movie role like no others. "My name's Bond, James Bond." "I've actually said those words. yes, in front of the mirror and in the car. "If someone catches you doing it, it can be very embarrassing," Brosnan told Movieline magazine. The Irish-born actor said he was optimistic his first role as the legendary Agent 007 in the soon-to-be-released Goldeneye would be a success. despite criticism the suave British secret agent character has become dated with the end of the cold war.

Secretary says Pavarotti will never be her man

MILAN (R) — Luciano Pavarotti's secretary, denying newspaper reports of an affair, was quoted as saying the opera superstar would never be the man of her life or the father of her children. Mantovani, 29, denied newspaper reports she was pregnant by the Italian tenor, who was 60 Thursday. "I'm a girl who has the good fortune to live close to an exceptional man who has opened up my mind," she said, according to an advance copy of an interview with the Italian magazine Chi. "But I am not pregnant, as has been written. Pavarotti will never be the man of my life nor the father of my

federal Europe. It wouldn't my party to believe that that May 1997. streets and double the cash

Japan cult guru indicted on fresh murder charges

TOKYO (R) — Japanese members leave the cult. The prosecutors pressed another three bodies were found in set of murder charges Friday against cult guru Sboko Asahara, this time over the deaths of a lawyer and his family who disappeared six years ago, Japanese media reported.

The Aum Shinri Kyo (Supreme Truth Sect) leader was indicted along with five of his top followers on charges of murdering the couple and their infant son, NHK public television and Kyodo News Agency said.

The 40-year-old Asahara, wbo has already been NHK quoted prosecutors as saying. Prosecutors were not immediately available

to confirm the reports.

The lawyer disappeared along with his wife and 14month-old child after be helped disencbanted Aum leave the cult. At the time of

shallow graves last month. All those indicted Friday

are already in custody and awaiting trial on morder and attempted murder charges relating to sarin nerve gas attacks and the strangling of a rebellious follower, as well as other alleged crimes, NHK said.

The most notorious of the crimes blamed on the Aum cult, the March 20 nerve gas attack on the Tokyo subway, killed 11 and barmed more than 5.000 passengers.

Friday's indictments came after police exhumed the der counts, including the remains of lawyer Tsutsumi subway gas attack in March, Sakamoto, his wife Satoko has admitted ordering his and their son Tatsuhiko followers to kill the family, from concealed mountainside graves.

The family vanished from their apartment in Yokohama, near Tokyo, in 1989 wben Tsutsumi was active in a group of lawyers helping Aum members

Tsutsumi was 33 and Satoko was 29.

Police sources bave said that investigators found the graves after Aum members admitted under questiooing that they killed the family and buried their bodies. Media reports apparently

based on police briefings only open to domesticmedia bave said Asabara is believed to bave ordered the Sakamotos be killed - with specific instructions they be given lethal injections of

Asahara goes on trial for murder on Oct. 26 in what legal experts call Japan's criminal trial of the century. Asahara's lawyer has said the cult leader has admitted ordering the subway gas attack, but only to avert the threatened disbandment of the group.

disappearances, tion-murders, the execution of a rebel follower, the illegal production of drugs and weapons and another nerve gas attack on a resort city in central Japan in June 1994 which killed seven people and made 600 ill.

> Separately, Tokyo's district court is considering whether to comply with requests from the city's governor and state prosecutors to disband the doomsday cult as a religious organisation.

In what would be an even drugs - because the lawyer tougher crackdown on the was deemed a threat to the cult. Japanese authorities wbether to apply a controversial subversion law that would ban the group from

conducting any activity.
The Asahi Shimbun newspaper reported Friday that Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama has decided not to sanction the use of the harsh law at least until the Other crimes linked to the Tokyo court has ordered the group include two abduc- disbandment of the cult.

William Perry last month

prohibited the military ser-

vices from developing

lasers designed to blind foes

permanently. The move fol-

lowed years of Pentagon

resistance to any limitations

"There were other prob-

lems with the (army) pro-

gramme," Mr. Bacon said in

response to questions

"It was a costly pro-

gramme and also it turned

out that the equipment was

extremely heavy and a sol-

dier carrying the laser

counter-measures system

could only carry that. He or

she couldn't carry any other

The new defence policy

allows U.S. troops to be

equipped with lasers used

for such purposes as range-

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India 'determined' to hold Kashmir polls India's neighbour has been accused here of backelections were beld in Kashmir in 1987 but were

NEW DELHI (AFP) --India will go ahead with elections in the troubled northern state of Kashmir despite threats by Muslim separatists to sabotage them, Home Minister Shankarrao Chavan said in remarks published Friday.

Mr. Chavan said in the southern city of Bangalore Thursday that the legislative polls would be held even though "stray incidents of violence were bound to occur," the Hindu newspaper quoted him say-

ing.
"No force can stop us,"
Mr. Chavan told the local branch of Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao's Congress (I) Party in an apparent reference to neighbouring Pakistan.

ing a bloody Muslim separatist campaign raging since 1989 in Kashmir, India's only Muslim-majority state. However. Islamabad denies lodian claims that it arms and trains the guerril-,

Mr. Chavan said there were "countries which did not want India to succeed in establishing a democratic government" in the northem state, but did not specify when the elections to the Kashmir legislature would be held.

ties expires in January.

Officials have suggested they could take place before the current period of direct rule by the federal authori-

The last state assembly drive in Kashmir.

Valley have vowed to sabotage and boycott any elections, and insist they will only be satisified with complete independence.

More than 12,000 people have died in the separatist

Rwanda offers Zaire to take 20,000 refugees daily from Zaire KIGALI (R) - Efforts to that Rwanda was ready to appeals to arrest these peo-

Rwandan refugee crisis daily by increasing the moved forward Friday with number of crossings and Zaire promising to do all it can to send home a million Rwandan refugees on its soil and Rwanda agreeing to take 20,000 a day.

Zaire, after two days of talks with Rwanda and the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugee (UNHCR) in the northwestern border town of Gisenyi, also agreed to neutralise extremists scaring refugees from going home, a joint statement said.

sis would drag on if concrete deeds did not follow the talks, which ended Thursday. Rebabilitation Rwandan Patrick Minister

number of crossings and transit centres along its bor-

sign of a lonsening of the extremist grip on refugee camps, Mr. Mazimpaka also said that some leading genocide suspects in Zaire were beading for "safer" African countries like Cameroon to avoid expul-

"The big fish have started moving out of the region because they are not so sure they are safe anymore," Mr. Mazimpaka said

last year's civil war which saw Tutsi rebels defeat the then Hutu government that led a genocide of more than 500,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus. The killings were sparked

strong army, joined the slaughter.

U.N. conference fails to curb use of landmines

VIENNA (R) — Delegates must ban their use. We must from 42 nations have failed to agree in Vienna on new international restrictions on the use of landmines.

The three-week U.N.sponsored reviewing a 1980 convention on inhumane weapons, had sought agreement on new rules that would reduce the risk posed by mines to civilians.

"They will not be able to conclude a new protocol on the land mines by tomorrow," a conference spokeswoman told Reuters.

"But, rather than leave it to another review conference in five years time, they will decide on a new timetable to meet again soon," she said. But she added that it was unlikely a fresh meeting would be held this year.

An official statement said the conference had been "unable to reach agreement on stronger restrictions on the use of anti-personnel mines...(and) failed to com-

plete its main task." Delegations went some way towards drafting a new document to ban the use and transfer of blinding laser weapons, but they failed to back barder proposals to outlaw the production and stockpiling of these

Secretary-General Boutros at the opening of the conference on Sept. 25 to ban landmines altogether.

mines once and for all. We obliging them to use only lasers," Mr. Bacon told ence fiction buffs.

ban their production. We must destroy those that are stockpiled," be said.

The United Nations estimates 20,000 people, many conference, of them children or civilians trying to farm on former battlefields, are killed or maimed in landmine blasts

> The international community clears about 100,000 landmines each year but during the same period, between two and five million more are laid, the United Nations says.

The U.N. Commissioner Refugees, the International Committee of the Red Cross and many other relief agencies and bomanitarian organisations from around the world backed the idea of a total ban.

The conference spokeswoman said several countries raised objections to a variety of proposed restrictions, including a ban on the use of current stockpiles.

Proposals to set up an international inspectorate to ensure signatories to the convention abided by its rules caused the biggest outcry, with many states protesting that such a move measures system" on which would infringe their sover-

France announced at the The outcome will come as start of the conference that a disappointment to U.N. it would stop production and export of all anti-per-Ghali who urged delegates sonnel mines and would begin destroying its stocks.

"It was an anti-laser laser, China, Pakistan, Russia

short time period. They argued against the rule partly on grounds of cost. Iran was reported to bave called for a transfer of technology enabling developing

countries to produce self-

so-called "smart mines"

which self-destruct after a

destruction anti-personnel mines. China, in its address to the conference, said states, especially in the developing world, bad a legitimate right to plant mines to defend

themselves against foreign aggressors. The United States, backed by Britain, supported a ban on laser weapons "specifically designed to blind" but would not agree to eliminate lasers to counter optical or electro-optical

The U.S. military has can-celled a backpack laser weapon for army troops based on a new policy against arms designed to. blind enemy soldiers, the U. S. Defence Department

announced Thursday. Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon said Deputy Defence Secretary John White gave the order last week to scrap the so-called "laser counterthe army has already spend \$23 million.

The weapon, using a cumbersome backpack, would have allowed a soldier to fire an intense ray of light against an enemy laser posi-

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still safe for them like Cameroon which has over 200 genocide suspects. Unfortunately Cameroon Mazimpaka told Reuters has not responded to our

million Hutu refugees fled 10 Zaire after

off by the assasination of Hutu military strongman Juvenal Habyarimana in April last year. Vengeful followers, including many of the refugees and Mr. Habyarimana's 40.000-

Fear of revenge and threats by Hutu extremists in camps deter many from returning to Rwanda where jails are packed with 54,000 genocide suspects awaiting John sepa

Mandela: Government

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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) - President Nelson Mandela has played down clashes with his governing partners and said he expected his administration to last its full five-year In a meeting with senior

executives and members of the board of directors of the Associated Press, Mr. Mandela pointed out successes of the first 18 months of his government that he said don't always get reported in the media. Rnmours earlier Thursday

that Deputy President F.W. De Klerk of the white-led National Party would resign from the government affected South Africa's bond markets and currency. Mr. De klerk's spokesman called the rumours untrue and ridiculous.

Recent verbal clashes between Mr. Mandela and Mr. De Klerk, the former president succeeded by Mr. Mandela after South Africa's first all-race election last year, fueled speculation that Mr. De Klerk and his National Party would pull out of the unity government that also includes the Zulu nationalist Inkatha Freedom Party.

Mr. Mandela insisted no such split was imminent. "Mr. De Klerk and I

understand that we need each other," he said. "It's not a question of personal likes. It's of an absolute necessity that we be togeth-

Mr. Mandela said he "had no doubt that it (the unity government) will last for the full five-year term." Dressed in a casual light

blue outfit, Mr. Mandela gestured with his right band while detailing what he called 'the progress made since his African National Congress (ANC) won the. 1994 election.

figures that showed inflation rising at 7.5 per cent in the 12 months to Angust, well below the double digits of earlier this year and less than expected.

The most significant basis for this economic upturn is the phenomenal growth in fixed investments, a reflection of the profound confidence that entrepreneurs have in the country's longterm prospects," Mandela said.

Such growth was needed to pay for the widespread development programmes the ANC-led government has promised to millions of impoverished blacks, be

In addition, South Africa must study economic incentives for foreign investors in order to compete with the developing nations of Asia, Mr. Mandela said.

He described some of the living conditions he has encountered in traveling through South Africa, such as villagers who depend on a filthy stream for water and burning cow dung to heat their dwellings and cook their food. To allow party politics or

opposition groups to prevent those people from getting clean water and electricity would be a tragedy, Mr. Mandela said. "We would be regarded as

traitors by our people and the entire world," be said. Mr. Mandela has been accused by some militant and populist blacks of trying too hard to appease

whites at the expense of

beloing the black majority that voted him to power. He said the whites, through the advantages of the apartheid system, have better education and crucial roles in keeping the economy and country going.

Hillary Clinton visits Chile

SANTIAGO (Agencies) — U.S. first lady Hillary During her 31-bour stay in Clinton began a brief visit Chile, Mrs. Clinton will to Chile Friday, the second meet with President leg of a goodwill tour of four Latin American

Mrs. Clinton arrived bere Managua, where she met with Nicaraguan President hoods.

Violeta Chamorro. Eduardo Frei and his wife,

Marta Larraecbea, who will later accompany her on a visit to a family planning early Friday from centre in one of Santiago's working class neighbour-

to win the referendum for

Ouebec voters will be

asked on Oct. 30 whether

they want the province to

become sovereign along

with some form of political

and economic association

Canadian Prime Minister

Jean Chretien bas ruled out

renewed ties with a separate

Quebec, saying a vote for sovereignty will be a one-

way ticket ont of the feder-

Mr. Bonchard has scoffed

at this, saying Canada

would have to negotiate

with an independent

Quebec, if only to maintain

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Oct. 30, we will give our-

selves a birth certificate,"

Mr. Bouchard told a bois-

terous rally in Sorel, 125

kilometres east of Montreal

Recent polls have shown

Quebec Premier Jacques

the Quebec sovereignists

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Quebec separatist leader boosts victory chances

MONTREAL (R) - remains to be seen, bowev-Quebec's independence er, whether that is enough movement could gain momentum after charismatic separatist leader Lucien Bouchard took the reins this week of the campaign for secession of the Frencbspeaking . province from

With crowds at railies dwindling, a series of public gaffes and a string of poor public opinion polls, political pundits had all hut written-off the chances of a separatist victory in the Oct. 30 referendum on Quebec

sovereignty. But Mr. Bouchard, leader of the separatist Bloc Quebecois party in the Canadian federal parliament, seized the campaign initiative Sunday with impassioned attacks on Canada and appeals to Quebec nationalism. More than 1,000 people turned out at two of his rallies this week, some chanting:

"Lucien, Lucien, Lucien." Tuesday. Survey after survey shows that Mr. Bouchard, a 56trailing Canadian unity year-old lawyer of Quebec political forces by five to 10 working-class origins and a cabinet minister in the percentage points. An internal poll done for the Parti Conservative government of former Prime Minister Quebecois separatist gov-Brian Mulroney, is the most ernment and published in popular politician in several Ouebec daily news-Quebec. His brush with papers Thursday shows the two sides neck-and-neck.

death last December from a flesh-eating disease that cost him one leg captivated Canadians and vaulted him

Parizeau, official leader of the separatist political alliance, deferred to Mr. There is no donbt that the Bouchard on the campaign mood has changed. Mr. trail this week after Bouchard appears sincere announcing last weekend and credible and people here like that," said Louis that Mr. Bouchard would be Ovebec's official negotiator Balthazar, a political scion a new economic and political "partnership" with ence professor at Laval University in the provincial Canada should the province capital Quebec City. "It vote for sovereignty.



Austrian Chancellor and head of the Socialist Party Franz Vranitzky speaks during a press conference after breakdown of talks over an austerity budget (AFP

Austria wakes up to surprise poll campaign

VIENNA (R) — Austria was plunged into a surprise election campaign Friday, nearly three years early, after its coalition government broke up in a dispnte over spending cuts. Chancellor Franz Vranitz-

ky was expected to present the government's resigna-tion to President Thomas Klestil Friday after a vote by the National Assembly to dissolve parliament and call a snap election, probably on Dec. 17.

Mr. Vranitzky's Social Democrat Party has been at the helm for 46 of the past 50 years in Austria, either in coalition or alone. Its coalition partner, the Conservative People's Wolfgang Schuessel, has held office

for 33 of those years.

The public divorce, just nine months into their third joint administration under Mr. Vranitzky, signalled the end of an era.

"One thing is clear: We've come to the end of something. What isn't clear is what its beginning," the mass-circulation Kurier said in an early Friday edi-

Opinion polls indicated the two-party system that bas dominated Austria since its defeat in World War II might give way to a threeway race whose outcome could radically alter the political landscape.

Voters in Austria, now a member of the European Union, have steadily drifted away from the two mainstream parties to younger movements, and now the old allies themselves are seeking potential new part-

Support for the far-right Freedom Party soared to unprecedented heights in an opinion poll released Thursday shortly after the coalition collapsed.

The survey, for the daily Neue Kronen Zeitung, put

Joerg Haider's nationalist, ann-immigrant party level with the Schuessel's Conservatives with 28 per cent support - enough to give the two a secure ruling majority in a new parlia-

poll gave Mr. The Social Vranitzky's Democrats just 31 per cent backing — nearly four points down on last October's general election result, which was already the dominant party's worst sbowing since 1945.

The survey put the envi-ronmentalist Greens Party in fourth place with eight per cent and the Liberal Forum Party on five per cent — not enough backing to help Mr. Vranitzky beat an alliance of Conservatives and the bard right. But analysts cautioned that the two big parties could return to power, with the Conservatives as senior

parmer. Mr. Vranitzky was forced to concede after six weeks of fruitless budget wrangling that he could no longer oppose early elec-

Mr. Schuessel, denounced by his erstwhile partners for dumping the coalition to further his own personal ambitions, also professed regrets that no agreement had been possible on how to trim the hloated state budget.

But he said "a partnership that cannot agree on a budget is not a partnership". He urged the Social Democrats not to cling to office with rubber suckers".

After taking nearly a quarter of the vote in last October's election, Mr. Haider beamed at the prospect of more gains.
"If voters make the

Freedom Party the decisive force, one cannot shirk the responsibility," he told reporters.

Japan admits lack of 'equal footing' in Korea annexation

TOKYO (AP) - Seeking to defuse an increasingly hitter dispute with South Korea, Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama indirectly acknowledged Friday that Japan had nsed coercion to annex the Korean peninsula 85 years ago. Mr. Murayama infuriated Koreans hy telling lawmakers last week that Japan's colonial rule of Korea from 1910 to 1945 was carried out under a legally valid treaty, and his government had stuck to that stance in recent days despite angry protests from Seoul.

Many older Koreans still have bitter memories of brotal Japanese treatment during the colonial period. Their language was banned, they were forced to take Japanese names, and their culture was suppressed. During World War II, thousands of Koreans were conscripted as forced labourers or made to serve as sex slaves to the imperial

Both South and North Korea maintain that the treaty sanctioning the Japanese takeover was signed under threat of military force. The two Koreas were divided after Japan's World War II surrender ended its colonial rule. On Friday, under increasing pressure, Mr. Murayama

backed off a bit on his earlier remarks, suggesting that the Koreans submitted to the pact under duress. "We can't help but recognise that formally it was a treaty, but I don't think that both sides were on an equal footing at the time of its conclusion," Mr. Murayama told law-

makers. There was no immediate official response from Seoul to the statement. On Friday, about 100 riot police were guarding the Japanese embassy in downtown Seoul, the scene of frequent anti-Japanese protests. About a dozen students staged a short protest demanding Mr. Murayama's resignation, but no other incidents were reported.

Russia's stability depends on Chechenya, Yeltsin says

MOSCOW (Agencies) — President Boris Yeltsin said Friday that stability in Russia depended on the sitnation in rebel Chechenya and Moscow would press with peace efforts despite a flare-up of ten-

"We will not stray from the peaceful path, however much we are pushed by (separatist Dzhokhar Dudayev," ITAR-TASS news agency reported Mr. Yeltsin as telling heads of Russian republics meeting in the Kremlin.

Mr. Yeltsin accused Mr. Dudayev of ruining Chechenya during his independence drive which began four years ago and prompted Russia lasi December to send troops to try to rein in the region.

Thousands of civilians, rebels and Russian servicemen have been killed in fighting which has devastated large parts of Chechenya. The capital, Grozny, is still

Russia would help rebuild the region, Interfax News Agency quoted Mr. Yeltsin as saying. He singled out aid for reconstruction, pensions and wages.

"The political stability in the country will depend on

the situation in Cbechenya," Mr. Yeltsin said.

Russia faces a parliamentary election in December and the Kremlin leader can clearly ill afford a resumpnon of the hloodshed which has been crinicised at home and ahroad.

The situation in Chechenya took a turn for the worse last week when leader) Lieutenant-General Anatoly Romanov, commander of the Russian troops there. was nearly killed in a bomb attack. He is still fighting for his life in a Moscow

> Both sides have since suspended the implementation of a July 30 military agreement which provided for disarmament of the rebels in exchange for withdrawal of most Russian troops.

The Checben side subsequently said more than 30 people had been killed in two bomh attacks on villages and that they would not talk peace unless U.N. peacekeeping troops were sent to the region.

But Aslan Maskhadov, the top Chechen military negotiator, told reporters Friday he was ready to resume talks on implementing the military deal with Anatoly Shkirko, deputy comman-

der of Russia's Interior Ministry troops, appointed Thursday to take over from Gen. Romanov.

"There is no alternative to accord," Maskhadov said.

Gen. Shkirko was due to arrive in Grozny later Friday.

Progress in implementing the accord has been held up by mutual recriminations. But it is seen as the main hope for a long-term settlement which would have 10 tackle the issue of whether Chechenya should be independent or part of Russia.

Mr. Maskhadov crincised the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), which has been mediating in the peace talks, for what he called its failure to act more resolutely to secure peace and

human rights. Russian military officials told Interfax three Russian servicemen had been wounded in rebel attacks in the last 24 hours,

Russia's Federal Security Service issued a statement through TASS, saying it had information that Mr. Dudayev's fighters, dressed as pro-Moscow police, were plotting to seize Chechens across the region to fan tenbe confirmed.

Meanwhile Russian news agencies reported Thursday that unidentified gunmen kidnapped a Russian military official in Chechenya amid mounting tension in the breakaway southern republic.

Lt. Col. Alexander Fadeyev, head of the Interior Ministry's Supply Department in Chechenya, was seized from his car hy armed men in the capital, Grozny, Wednesday.

A search has been launched for Col. Fadeyev and the assailants, the ITAR-TASS news agency said

Also on Thursday, prominent reformist lawmaker Yegor Gaidar and human rights activist Sergei Kovalyov seni a letter to Russian and Chechen military leaders urging them to salvage the peace process.

"For their selfish interests. the war parties in Moscow and Grozny are again ready to plunge our people into the nightmare of last winier," the Interfax News Agency quoted the letter as

saying.
"You, who order arms to speak or fall silent, can stop

of the Pressler Amendment

banning U.S. defence sales

to Pakistan unless the White

House can certify that

Islamabad is not developing

Mr. Mukherjee also dis-

missed criticism of India's

refusal to sign the nuclear

non-proliferation treaty and

the Group of Seven (G7) developed countries of a

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hrushed aside fears among

nuclear weapons.

India to raise defence spending if Pakistan gets arms

India will be forced to increase defence spending if Pakistan receives military equipment from the United States, but the sale will not harm Indo-U.S. ties, Foreign Minister Pranab Mukherjee said Friday.

"We will have to step up our defence expenditure so that we can get the necessary equipment to meet the threat perception from Pakistan," the foreign minister told the Press Trust of India news agency.

Mr. Mukherjee, speaking Non-Aligned Movement "However, it does not look summit in Cartagena, Colombia, dismissed U. S. suggestions that New Delhi's concern over the

proposed \$370-million arms deal was "exaggerat-

"Our threat perception following the arms transfer is real and it is not true to suggest that it is over-exaggerated," be said. While expressing concern

over the sale of U. S. weaponry to arch rival. Pakistan, Mr. Mukherjee. said he did not believe the deal would harm growing relations between India and the United States.

"I don't think it is going to affect Indo-U. S. relations ahead of his departure for a adversely," he said. nice in the context of growing and expanding relations between India and the United States,"

India and Pakistan, both of which are believed to possess nuclear weapons, have fought three wars since independence from British colonial rule in 1947, two of

them over the disputed

Himalayan territory of

Kashmir. India accuses Pakistan of arming and training Muslim separatist militants battling. to end India rule over Kashmir, the country's only

fundameotalism, Mukherjee said.

Muslim-majority state. Pakistan denies the charges. "We consider Pakistan as a terrorist state like any other fundamentalist state which

is sponsoring terrorism and Mr.

India and Pakistan. There is no potential danger," be said. "We have no

intention of launching any war unless Pakistan wants

"Instead of telling us what The U.S. Senate last month to do, G7 should advise agreed to a one-time waiver Pakistan."

North to target U.S. troops if new Korean war erupts

stationed in South Korea first if a new war erupts on the Korean peninsula in hopes of sparking an antiwar backlash in the United States, a North Korean

defector said Friday. "North Korean military leaders believe that if attacks are first focused on the 40,000 U.S. troops and several thousands of U.S. soldiers are killed or injured, there will be antiwar demonstrations by U.S. citizens," Colonel Chne Ju-Hwal told a news confer-

Col. Choe, 46, who left the North in May and defected to South Korea through an unidentified South East Asian country late last month, said Pyongyang believed high casualties would lead to political turmoil in the United States and "break U.S.-South Korean military alliance". About 37,000 U.S. troops are stationed in South Korea

to bolster 655,000 South

Korean army.

But Col. Choe, the highestranking North Korean military officer to defect to the South, said Pyongyang leaders were not convinced North Korea could win in a fresh war. An armistice agreement ended a 1950-53 war

between North and South Korea and the two countries technically are still at war. Col. Choe said North Korean leaders could start a war if they faced major political or economic problems threatening their Stalinist regime or if U.S.

troops were withdrawn through a U.S.-North Korean peace treaty. Col. Choe said the North has deployed about 70 per cent of its armed forces south of the North Korean capital of Pyongyang and seven mechanised army corps were concentrated in areas within 20 kilometres of the inter-Korean border.

SEOUL (R) — North Korea Korean soldiers facing the expected the Communist Sedans in a bid to win their will strike American troops 1.1-miillion-strong North North to collapse within support. five years because of acute economic problems.

> "The severe economic problem will force North Korea to open its doors to the outside world, which will inevitably disintegrate the country," he said. Col. Choe said North

Korea's uncrowned leader Kim Jong-Il, who has little military background, has not yet taken full control of the country's armed forces. "Kim Jong-Il announced military policies through

books published under his name, but as a matter of fact they were written hy senior military officers or experts," Col. Choe said. There was a coup attempt hy general-level officers in 1992 and all of them were

executed," he said. "Many high-ranking opposed Mr. Kim at heart. only pretending to obey him. He said Mr. Kim had given

senior army officers luxuri-

ous mansions and foreign

Kim Jong-II, the eldest son and long-designated heir of the late North Korean President Kim II-Sung, has yet to be officially confirmed to the two key posts his father beld - general secretary of the Communist Party and state president.

Kim Il-Sung, who ruled the reclusive North for nearly five decades, died in Jnly last year.

Col. Choe, a former military attache in Czechoslovakia, said he had met South Korean businessmen without seeking Pyongyang's authorisation during other overseas assignments.

He said be had decided to defect while working as a senior executive of a company run hy North Korea's Defence Ministry because officers of fears he would be summoned and punished hy Pyongyang.

He left his wife, 42, three children, aged 17, 12 and 10, and his 67-year-old mother in the North.

Tame New Hampshire affair suits Dole

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire (AP) - After a few minutes together in the dark, 10 Republican presidential candidates used their first televised forum to politely compete for support in New Hampshire's leadoff primary, a tone that suited front-runner Bob Dole just

"We did what we needed to do," the Senate majority leader said Wednesday night after the 90-minute .event."I'm running against (President) Clinton." The format did not allow

the candidates to interact.

The Republican hopefuls

used their roughly eight

minutes of air time to intro-

duce themselves to New

"I was not here to lay a

Hampshire voters.

hand," publishing beir Steve Forbes said when asked if he was disappointed that Sen. Dole did not take much fire. "I was here to deliver a message."

But Col. Choe said he

One candidate made his splasb before the event got under way: After months of promising to support the Republican nominee, Pat Buchanan re-opened the door to a third-party run for president if he considered

unacceptable. Besides himself, be said Sen. Dole and Texas Sen. Phil Gramm fit the hill. He never mentioned him hy name, but Mr. Buchanan

was apparently delivering a statewide and nanonal cable message to retired Gen. Colin Powell, who is considering the race and, unlike most of the field, supports abortion rights, gun control and affirmative action.

Although most of the candidates have been organising in New Hampshire for months, the forum was billed as a curtain-raiser to the beavy campaigning that will take place as the February primary draws closer. Most of the candithe Republican nominee dates were staying around to campaign separately

Thursday. For a moment there was some doubt as to whether the candidates would get

television audience. The lights went out briefly in WMUR-TV's studio, forcing Gov. Steve Merrill to deliver introductory remarks in the dark. But they came back on just in time for Lamar Alexander, first up as the candidates were questioned in alphabetical order.

By the time businessman Morry Taylor finished more than an hour later, it was clear there was considerable agreement among the candidates on the need for dramatic tax reform, balancing the federal budget and shifting responsibility for welfare, schools and other protheir chance to court a grammes back to the states.



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Grounding Oslo II?

THE INK on the Oslo II accord had barely dried when the two parties began to encounter major hurdles in the process of its implementation. First came Israel's refusal to honour its commitment under the agreement to free all women prisoners as clearly called for by the agreement. Israeli President Ezer Weizman has refused to pardon two Palestinian women prisoners because, to quote his words. 'they have Israeli blood on their hands."

This posture suggests that Israeli prime minister, his cabinet and the Knesset. which endorsed the latest accord with the Palestinian National Authority (PNA), have all failed to do their homework properly by failing to coordinate with their head of state on a very critical element in the deal. After lengthy and tortuous negotiations in Taba, the two sides did agree on the freeing of many Palestinian prisoners including all the women incarcerated for their involvement in acts against the Israeli occupation. This agreement was further signed and sealed at the White House before an international audience and witnessed by no other than President Bill Clinton, His Majesty King Hussein, President Hosni Mubarak and a host of other dignitaries from the four corners of the globe. Israel cannot now claim that it is excused by domestic considerations from implementing basic aspects of the Taba

Then reports surfaced confirming that Israel had embarked on massive housing campaigns in the West Bank including East Jerusalem. These prompted the spokesman of the PNA to characterise the peace process between the Palestinians and Israel as a farce. When 1,400 new housing units are added to the already large number of settlements in the occupied territories in 1995 alone, one begins to wonder where the creation of all these new facts will lead the peace talks.

The picture does not become less gloomy when we take into consideration that the timetable for redeployment is also being undermined by Israel. On this score, Israel's Peace Now Movement has accused the Rabin government of unplementing on the ground the same policy of the Likud. If this is indeed the case, there is little wonder why regional peace looks much farther away than the world initially thought.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

A columnist in Al Ra'i daily said that the Taba agreement signed in Washington was not a peace treaty, but a provisional agreement that gave the Palestine National Authority (PNA) the opportunity to guarantee the containment of whar Israel calls acts of terrorism against its citizens. The peace process will continue because Israel wants it to, said Fahd Al Fanek, and because the lewish state's leadership said it would cooperate with the PNA to stem such attacks. The writer added that all the technology and weaponary in Israel's possession could not protect its citizens from resistance attacks, but through cooperation with the PNA. Israel hopes to ensure security for its citizens. According to the writer, Yitzhak Rahin's words to Arafat at the Washington signing implied: Give me security and I will give you a state.

A columnist in Al Dustour urged the government to promptly interfere to end rumours regarding the eviction of refugees from the camps. Press reports about land owners attempting to reclaim property where camps are established caused much anxiety among the Kingdom's refugee population, said Mohammad Daoud, who

added that the reports also prompted some people to link ris move with rumours that the permenent settlement of refugees in Jordan will provide a solution to the refugee question. Fuelling the rumours, said the writer, were political groups that aim to undermine the whole peace process by stirring Palestinian and Jordanian fears about the F tine-Israel accords and the Israel-Jordan peace trea: ... e said that one proposal to quash the rumours, is to enable the refugees to buy the land where homes were built since 1948.

Tordanian Perspective

By Dr. Musa Keilani

Palestinians need funds to consolidate self-rule

DESPITE confusion and disputes over the fine points in their Sept. 28 accord on expanded self-rule in the West Bank, Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) are slowly moving abead in implementing the agreement. The Palestinians in four small West Bank villages are already tasting how it is like to live without the infimidating Israeli army presence in their midst.

However, it would not be true to say that the Palestinians are enjoying anything more than that at this point in time since the Israeli army's departure bas brought into play a completely new game and set of rules.

That is where the PLO leadership faces the toughest challenge. The residents of the West Bank are hoping that the PLO would be able to bring about a qualitative change in their lives and end the miseries that were part of the Israeli occupation. What we have seen in Gaza since May 1994 does not encourage us to believe that the PLO would be able to live up to the expectations of its constituency.

Indeed, one can hardly hlame the PLO in this context. Despite the euphoria in Washington that we saw on television on Sept. 28, when PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin signed the autonomy accord, we bave yet to see the world powers actually moving to support the implementation of the agreement by extending material aid to the Palestinians.

The international community has to recognise that the Israeli evacuation of four army posts in the West Bank last week was the first step towards, bopefully, the long-awaited end to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. From what we have seen so far, it would appear that both sides to the autonomy agreement are determined to fulfill their obligations and commitments to ensure that the entire process would be a success.

But it would be naive for the world community to simply leave it to Israel and the PLO to make the process a success. Quite simply, Israel and the PLO implementing the self-rule agreement and then cutering final status negotiations next year is not enough for success since success, by definition, means a qualitative change to the lives

of the Palestinian people. There are numerous real-life issues to be tackled in the West Bank. The infrastructure of the West Bank, including bealth, education and social services, is completely in ruins. Unemployment is very high; so is the cost of the living. Despite the so-called recogninon of the Palestinian passport hy many countries, most holders of the document find it difficult to secure visas for travel abroad to take up

Not that the PLO is facing the problem for the first time. The simanon was and remains much graver in the Gaza Strip, where the PLO-led Palestinian National Authority (PNA) launched self-rule in May 1994. The best that the PNA could do was to contain the situation and maintain the status quo. But now the magnitude of the problem facing the PLO is much larger, given that the West Bank has a Palestinian population of more than two million while

the Gaza Strip has only 800,000.

If the international donor community, which had promised up to \$2.4 billion in aid to the Palestinians in five years since 1993. fails to recognise that the channelling of the assistance has to be accelerated and should not be bampered by red tape, then there is little bope that

the autonomy accord would reach its goals. Goodwill on both sides, supported in words by the international community, is not a guarantee to the success of the process. The people on the street should actually feel a change for the better. It is no secret that the PLO coffers are empty and the PNA needs as much funds it could lay its hands on as it moves towards taking over the administration of the entire West Bank.

One would probably justify the conditions of "transparency and accountability" attached by the World Bank, which is coordinating international aid for the PNA, before it releases funds to the Palestinian authority in the Gaza Strip. But the World Bank, or the powers behind the international institution, should also realise that the PNA needs to have administrative structures in place in the West Bank to replace the withdrawing Israelis.

If the PNA were to suffer the same experience in securing aid as it did in the first one year of self-rule, then the hopes attached to the Sept. 28 accord have to be reviewed and revised more closely.

That is not to say that the World Bank or any of the donors themselves should simply write hlank cheques for the PNA. What they have to do is to speed up the process of "assessing" the needs of the West Bank and cut away the red tape to ensure that whatever funds are available are actually dispensed with as quickly as possible. Without such an approach, there will be more frustrations leading to violence and bloodshed in the West Bank -- something that the Palestinians, Israelis, others in the region and outside it, can do without.

Writers debate issue of refugee camps

Arabic newspapers focused attention on Palestinian refugee camps in Jordan, the Palestine issue and Israel's practices in the occupied Arab territories. pan-Arab affairs and

domestic issues as well. A writer in Al Ra'i daily said that the time was not opportune for raising the question of the refugee camps in Jordan especially as the country is approacbing the Middle East and North Africa summit which would focus anention not on on their country, said Yasser refugees but rather on the Znameh. The writer said that economy. Encouraged by a the move was achieving the court ruling in favour of land owners on which the Al Hussein camp is built, owners of other land on which other refugee camps are Sultan Al Hattab. The writer said that sooner or later the refugee problem would be raised but that time was not ripe just now, especially as Israel refuses to repatriate Palestinian refugees or displaced people.

Why now? was the title of a column by Mobammad Kawasb in Al Dustour referring to the camps question. Is this matter connected with the recently signed agreement between Israel and the Palestinians? Is this part of the pressure exercised by foreign forces on Jordan to force it to settle the refugees for good? asked the writer. He said that raising this question now would create confusion in the local, Arab and foreign media and certainly this was not the right time to create new problems in the country. He said that the camps had been in existence for decades, and added that the government should interfere and find the right solution to land ownership in order to avoid further headaches for the country. Turning attention to the

plight of the Palestinians

wbo were expelled by

IN THE PAST week the Muammar Qadhafi and are now stranded in desert camps near the Egyptian-Libyan border, a columnist in Al Dustour said that Libya had taken the measure in a foolish bid to draw world public attention to its own predicament resulting from the U.N. sanctions. Also by directing the Libyan people's attention to an external issue the Libyan leader is trying to make his people forget about their own internal problems resulting from the sanctions opposite objective because the expulsion order was

being exploited by the propotietits of the Oslo deal and reviving the old idea that built are raising the question Palestinians bave to turn of their land ownership, said their backs to the Arab Nation and make an alliance with the Israel instead. By creating a new camp for the Palestinians in the desert, the Libyans cannot escape the world's wrath over its alleged involvement

in the Lockerbie affair, said

Mahmoud Rimawi a writer

in Al Ra'i. By exposing the Palestinians to further ordeals and by causing them more sufferings, the Libyans can by no means achieve any benefits for their country except winning for themselves the anger and hatred of the Palestinians among other people, said the writer. The eviction of the Palestinians from Libya coincided with Tripoli's bid to bave a seat in the U.N. security council noted the writer. He said bow can Libya be entrusted with the world peace and iustice while it practices actions which totally contra-dict with the U.N. charter and objectives?

In the view of Fakhri Saleb, writing in Al Dustour, the Oslo II agreement between Israel and the Palestinians is far worse than Oslo I because Oslo II was simply dictated by

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Israel to the Palestinian leadership. The writer said that the deal was aimed at guaranteeing the security of the Jewish settlements rather than giving the Palesunians their rights in their lands. Once the redeployment of Israeli troops has been completed, the Palestinians would witness Israeli forces easily returning to the cities from which they have withdrawn and inte fering freely in Palestinian affairs especial-

ly whethever the security of settlements is endangered. The Israelis will continue to steer all future negotiations with the palestinians in a manner that would serve to attain what the whole their objectives and ensure security for their settlers in Arab lands, the writer said. Hamadeb Faraaneb disagreed with this view saying

that the regaining of the Palestinian bomeland was bound to happen in stages and not in one go. Writing in Al Dustour, Faraneb said that the opponents of the Gaza and Jericbo first agreement had been pessimistic about any expansion of the Palestinian selfrule deal between Israel and the Palestine National Anthority (PNA) and never believed Palestinians would be able to gradually regain their

rights.
Of course the opponents of the peace treaty do not admit their defeat and they woud point to the existence of the Jewisb settlements on Arab land as a failure for all the Arab-Israeli agreements, he added. But he said the gradual reclamation of the occupied lands and the Israeli withdrawal from Arab towns constitute the first step towards the fulfilment of the Palestinian peo-

ple's dreams of an indepen-

dent state.

Having gained much experience from their dealings with the Arab World and Israel, the PNA now has a golden opportunity to set up a modem state that would reward the Palestinians for their sacrifices and struggle to gain their freedom, said Hosni Ayesb a writer in Al Ra'i. The writer said that the Palestinians deserved a state where human rights are respected and where the people can enjoy democracy. With their agreement with the Israelis the Palestinians were able through peace agreements Arab Nation had failed to help them achieve for decades, said the writer. He added that the deals with Israel regardless of their many flaws had put an end to the dreams of Zionism.

Commenting on pan-Arab relations, a writer in Al Dustour said that despite the fact that five years bad passed since the Gulf crisis, the Kuwaitis were still adamant in their position towards the Arab countries especially those that did not support foreign troops interventionn in the Arabian peninsula. Saleh Oallab said that the Knwaitis were still living in the past, refusing to embark on any moves towards reconcilation to create a better future for the Arab World. He said that the Kuwaitis were particularly bostile to the Jordanians and the Palestinians over their stand during the Gulf war and saw in Irag's invasion of their country a cause for keeping the door closed before any reconcilation

among Arab states. Tareq Masarweh writing in Al Ra'i said that Kuwait's Crown Prince

Abdullah Al Sabah, bore the responsibility for the crisis with Iraq and that he was also responsible for the failure of the Iraqi-Kuwaiti meeting held in Jeddah in late July 1990 to settle the Iraqi-Kuwaiti dispute. The columnist said that the Kuwaiti premier who refuses to see Kuwait mending fences with Jordan was setting his own terms for the resumption of normal bilateral relations. The Kuwaiti premier should realise and remember that it was King Hussein who was instrumental in organisitig the stationing of Arab troops its Kuwait when the emirate was threatened by the then Iraqi leader Abdul Karim Qasem in the late. He said that Kuwait must remember that it was King Hussein's idea of settling the crisis through an Arab solution be added. The writer also noted that it was Jordan that warned of the danger of bringing in foreign troops which are now imposing

Prime Minister Saad Al

their hegemony on the Gulf. A writer in Al Dustour said that the efforts exerted by the Ministry of Water to save water will continue to be in vain as long as it fails to mend the water pipes that often are broken and flood the streets with the precious water. Taher Adwan said 'that he appreciated the ministry's drive and campaigns to increase public awarneness of the need to save water, but he said failure to repair the broken pipes over prolonged periods of time was bound to defeat the purpose of any campaign. The writer said that repair of broken pipes should take place immediately similar to putting out fires as soon as they break out because delay means an incalculable loss for the country.

While the world wimesses moves to give women equal rights, Jordanian families continue to wimess horrible instances of iumiliation of women at home by the men according to Nabil Sharif, the editor of Al Dustour. Dr. Sharif said that he had learnt of numerous cases where the wife endures the brutality of her husband silently for fear of exposure to neighbours, family and relatives and for fear of the husband's write. The writer said that many Jordanian women were subjected to regular beatings and cursing by frustrated or ill-mannered husbands and they keep silent about such humiliation. While many Jordanian men brag about their support of women's rights in public they practice the worst abuse against them at bome, added the writer. Such situations are a stigma for society as a wbole and serves as a time bomb threatening social stability as the country approaches the 21st century, be said.

Mobammad

Daoud a writer in Al

Dustour criticised the management of public projects saying that most of the loans which an agency or organisation obtain do not help promote production because a great deal is spent on buying furniture and cars for the execurives. Borrowing money and investing it in non-productive schemes has been the main reason for the country's indebtedness and the failure of the project to produce and ensure exports bave been behind the aggravated unemployment situation in the country. The writer said that a great deal of borrowed money was being used for setting up luxurious offices and unnecessary facilities and that little went to the production process itself due to ill planning. The borrowed money he stressed should finance the development of industry or agriculture and as little as possible should be spent on offices and luxury.

LETTERS Democracy of the law

To the Editor:

I had to read, with attention, both the quotations;

1. By Mr. Hubert Dobers of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation: "There should be freedom of speech bere and I was burt to see that it was prevented . . . the exercise of democracy failed to a certain extent." (Jordan Times Oct. 11. 1995, Letter to the Editor.)

2. By the weekly Shihan of Oct. 14, 1995, page 2: "The Germans criticise the dictatorship of Ma'an Abu Nowar ... The Director of the Konrad Adenaner Foundation was extremely disgusted because of the interruption by Senator Ma'an Abu Nowar against a member of the staff of the Chamber of Deputies, who criticised the performance of the Chamber and some Articles of the Constitution. The German director said: 'I have been hurt because democracy has failed in sending the message which we seek, that is democracy . . . when one of us in this meeting was prevented from speaking his opinion only because he is a member of the staff of Parliament . . . 'He added: 'l am really astonished."

While I have to think that the two quotations are connected somebow. I feel it is my duty to explain that:

1. No one was prevented from speaking during the sessions. There were interruptions here and there, but no prevention whatsoever.

2. It was my dnty to call the attention of the Chairman, His Excellency Taher Al Masri, to note what a member of the staff of the National Assembly was saying in contravention of the neutrality and non-political status of the parliamentary staff. I said: "Even the Speaker of the Chamber

cannot say what that junior clerk was dabbling in." 3. With the extreme tolerance for which be is very well known, Mr. Masri declined to prevent the clerk from bis oratory, thus his criticism soared as high as the Sovereign and his rights in the Constitution.

I am sure that Mr. Dobers would have not defended the contravention by the clerk had he known that legally, politically and morally he bad no right to dabble in politics of the nature discussed in the said seminar, and every word be said was extremely sensitive politically, legally and morally, because of his status as a member of the Parliamentary staff. He was only interrupted by me, not prevented by the Chair, which is perhaps more tolerant than the law of the land would permit.

In the Rules of Procedure of the German Bundestag, it is the duty of its president to uphold its dignity and rights "and conduct its debates fairly and impartially." The British House of Commons, well known as the Mother of Parliaments, "bas for many years had a non-political, permanent and professional staff system. The more senior staff may not belong to or be active in any political party or express their opinions publicly on any sensitive issue. Furthermore this parliamentary tradition is practised in all Western Democracies, certainly including Germany.

Let me appeal to Mr. Dobers, if he really was astonished, not to be, because I can assure him that we the Jordanians have a democracy not dissimilar to that of our friends the Germans. It is the democracy of the Rule of Law.

Dr. Ma'an Ahu Nowar,

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Censorship watch

Books that won't burn

By Mary Blume

IN 1972, Stephen Spender wrote an article about intellectual freedom emphasising that an act of censorship in any country is a loss to the whole world. Spender's article, "With Concern for Those Not Free," was in the first issue of Index on Censorship, a magazine devoted to fighting censorship hy publishing testimony, comment, analysis and reports from around the world.

Puhlished six times a year hy Writers and Scholars Writers International, the London-based Index has included articles by Doris Lessing, Umberto Eco, Günter Grass and Gabriel García Márquez as well as by such victims of censorship as Vaclav Havel, Salman Rushdie and

Taslima Nasreen, and regular features on legal advice, files that analyse censorship in particular countries, and topical issues ranging from mass media ownership to gay identity in the former Soviet Union.

To raise funds for research and to supply Index to those in the developing world and Eastern Europe who cannot afford it, the magazine will hold a charity auction of hanned books in London on Nov. 6 conducted by Lord Hindlip of Christie's and two celebrity auctioneers. The works on sale range from a pirated 1829 edition of Shelley's "Queen Mab," banned on grounds of blasphemy, to a signed first edition of Margaret Atwood's "The Handmaid's Tale," frequently targetted in U.S. schools.

Joe Hipgrave, the auction organiser, says that response to requests for books to auction has surpassed expectations and books are still coming in to the magazine's North London office.

"We received a little while ago a large box of books from Prague that includes signed pamphlets hy Vaclav Havel and Ivan Klima

and various samizdat editions," he said. The one important banned book that is missing so far is an interesting edition of James Joyce's "Ulysses," but Hipgrave has

"Many writers have signed copies of their books, which is nice, and many people were extremely generous in terms of the value of the things they gave." The hope is that as much as £20,000 (\$31,600) might be raised.

The books and manuscripts include Solzhenitsyn's "Cancer Ward," Pasternak's "Collected Poems," a pirated Polish edition of Orwell's "Animal Farm" and the Italian edition of "Fear of Flying."

There is, inevitably, "The Well of Loneliness," in the 1938 edition, and sever-

owner, Maurice Girodias, specialised in what he cheerfully called "d.h.s," or dirty

Milen Radev, a Bulgarian-born cartoonist who says he remembers burying clandestinely imported books at might to avoid searches, has contributed two drawings. A signed manuscript of W.H. Auden's "The Shield of Achilles" is also for sale, although it was not banned. It was an irresistible gift. Hipgrave says, and Auden was one of the signers of a telegram in support of the Russian writer Pavel Litvinov that proved a catalyst in the founding of Index in 1972.

There are three editions of "Lady Chatterley's Lover" as well as a letter from E.M. Forster about the censorship trial at the Old Bailey in 1960. While the signed



first edition privately printed in Florence in 1928 is the most valuable - Hipgrave thinks it should fetch about £2,000 - three copies of the Penguin first edition, which precipitated the notorious Old Bailey trial,

are even more interesting.

They are copies used by the lawyers in the trial and they've got the actual lawyers' notations in them so they're quite nice little souvenirs." Hipgrave says.

As a further reminder that book hurning

takes place in the nicest circles, as well as the ugliest, there is a copy of "Massacre," the French cartoonist Siné, 50,000 copies of which, Hipgrave says, Penguin was obliged to hum in England in 1966.

The most ordinary bestsellers are often subject to hans. A copy of Ken Follett's "Eye of the Needle" will be in the auction. signed by the author with the inscription, Banned in South Africa because of page

What Hipgrave says he has learned from assembling the auction is that "practically every hook you can mention has been banned somewhere at some time."

Index itself has been hanned in several countries, says associate director Philip Spender, Stephen Spender's nephew. We've not been hanned in an official sense hut there are countries that slice out pages or hlacken them with a felt pen," he said.

The magazine, which prints 12,000 copies, is useful for those living in repressive regimes, he says, in providing inspiration and encouragement and concrete examples of how other people are overcoming censorship. One of the higgest barriers it has to overcome, he adds, is not official censorship hnt fear.

"People might be sympathetic to the publication but they wouldn't dream of being al volumes from the Olympia Press, whose caught with it in their house because of the tronhle it would cause them," he said.

Reader reaction indicates that Index does, however, succeed in reaching readers in countries where censorship is a life-and-

In any case, as Stephen Spender wrote in 1972, censorship knows no geographical

"There are problems of censorship in England, the United States and France, for example. There is the question wbether it is not right for certain works to be censored or at any rate limited to a defined readership. The problem of censorship is part of the larger ones about the use and abuse of free-

International Herald Tribune

Demonised sect on the side of the angels

David Hirst of The Guardian meets a merry custodian at the holy shrine of the Yazidis, long persecuted in Kurdistan as devil-worshippers

the ages as "devil-worshippers". Muslims denied them the status of People of the Bonk, granted to Christians or Jews, casting them as denizens of theological darkness whom it was piety to pillage and sometimes to massacre. The Yazzidis, now numbering about 300,000, are one of those strange minor sects that have survived amid the larger ortho-doxies of the Middle East.

There is little that is devilish about the Baba Shawush. With two "nuns", he has since 1947 tended the Yazidis' holiest place at Lalish, a remote, narrow valley filled with oaks and oleanders, high in the Kurdistan. He may look like

a Confucian sage, with wispy beard and conical hat, but he affects no airs, being as ready to joke about the multifarious signs and symbols of his own, most eclectic of faiths as he is about those of others.

Yet appropriately there is a sterner side to the custodi-

THEY WERE reviled down an of so tenacious a cult. His office requires chastity: but he is a ennuch too. Long ago, accused of molesting one of his "vestal virgins", he proved his irreproachahility by castrating himself on the spot.

Lalish, which fell beyond the reach of President Saddam Hussein in 1991, is a centre of annual pilgrimage. Yazidis converge from their scattered abodes in Iraq, Syria, Iran, Armenia, Georgia, Turkey, and lately Germany, to which their Turks emigrated en masse.

lt is the burial place of Sheikh Adi. Born in Lehanon, he settled and preached there in the 11th century, the first recorded prophet of the faith. The mulberry trees in its courtyard are said to date from his time. So do some of the jars. These contain the olive oil, donated by the faithful, with which 200 lamps are lit most days at dusk, 350 on

Wednesdays and Fridays. The inner sanctum, raised over the confluence of two streams, echoes to the sound

of rushing water. When the Baba Shawush and his retainers enter the dark shrine — recently "restored" in wretched taste, with chandeliers and accretions of ugly concrete they kiss the lintel. They go everywhere harefoot.

The Baba Shawush keeps no holy books. He can't read. One explanation for the Yazidis' survival is their cult of illiteracy, another the remoteness of their mountain strongholds, a third their closed, rigid hierarchies. Their mir, or temporal "prince", always comes from the same family. Their sheikhs, highest ministers of the faith, come from 300 families who marry only among themselves. Beneath

engage mainly in prayer and meditation. From landowner to shepberd, few Yazidi laymen or murids, hase of the priestly edifice, would risk the shame, banishment, or even death, that marriage outside the community can entail.

them, pirs or elders, confined to 200 families,

Modern, educated Yazidis have begun to abandon the tradition of secrecy. "At Baghdad university," says Pir Khodr, "when mocked

as devil-worshippers, we went to our religious leaders for guidance. They told us we would be apostates if we wrote down the sacred

knowledge." But they began to do so. Emancipation

President Saddam has hastened the process. Pir Khodr runs a new centre for Yazidi studies in Dohuk, which assembles the scattered Arab and Western literature on the subject, publishes a journal, records beliefs, customs and a rich oral heritage that is in danger of being

The Yazidis' concept of the Creation and Fall is at odds with that of Muslims, Christians and Jews. It is a mortal sin to pronounce the word Satan wilfully, not, Pir Khodr explains, because they worship him, but because he does not exist. The Koran says that when

God commanded the seven angels to bow down before His newly created Adam, one, Iblis, refused. It says that, being cast out, he swore to make himself, as Satan, the eternal, universal,

active principle of evil.

But the Yazidis say that God rewarded Ihlis for his refusal; it was righteous as

God formerly commanded exclusive worship of Himself.

Now become the angel Taus, or Peacock, Iblis supervised mankind's affairs as the active agent of a passive God; far from inspiring devil-worship, it was his tears that extinguished the fires of Hell, which, like Satan, has no

place in Yazidi beliefs. The wall of the Lalisb shrine features a sun and moon: pointers, perhaps, to the origins of a sect whose very name is obscure. Does Yazidi derive from some ancient word for the divine, from an association with the seventh century Calipb Yazid, who caused the martyrdom of the Shi'ite saims Hassan and Hussein, or is it a hostile Shi'ite nickname that has stuck?

Yazidis, liking the first explanation, think their faith goes hack, beyond Sheikh Adi, to the Zoroastrianism of remote antiquity: hence the oil lamps of Lalish, the sign of the sun, the fact that they face it to pray, and that Wednesday, Zoroaster's holy day, is theirs too.

Into battle with the mullahs

MORE THAN balf a billion Muslim women are living in the world, from the west coast of Africa to the confines of China. They have widely distinct social organisations, traditions and customs. Two of the largest Islamic countries, Pakistan and Turkey, have women prime ministers, while in parts of the Middle East women are still veiled. In west Africa pious Muslim women live and say their daily prayers naked save for a minis-arong, while in east Africa genital

mutilation is still practised on girls. Since the 1979 Iranian revolution "Islamicist" parties have sprouted all over the Muslim World. They have one thing in common: the centrality of women's relations in sociery is top of their agenda, "the test of the authenticity of the Islamic Order." At the same time an upsurge in Islamic feminism has produced a rich crop of books, scholarly studies as well as witness reports by field workers and activists.

Faith & Freedom is the first to tackle the question of women's rights in the Islamic World within the framework of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The editor, Mahnaz Afkhami, was secretary general of the Women's Organisation as well as one of two women cabinet ministers in the late Shah of Iran's government before the revolution. Driven into exile in Washington, Dr. Afkhami set up and runs the Foundation for Iranian Studies, and is also the director of the Sisterhood Is Global Institute (Sigi). In September 1994 Sigi convened a conference in Washington as a precursor of the recent U.N.

Faith & Freedom

Women's Rights in the Muslim World By Mahnaz Aikhami

World Conference on Women in Beijing. Scholars and academics from all over the world were invited to take part, and Faith & Freedom is an anthology of their contributions.

Such compilations are often uneven and hard-going. Not so here: the editor has selected judiciously, and has eliminated rebarbative jargon. The result is a gripping combination of serious scholarship

I B Tauris --- pp256; ty and that the "oriental despot" has no "divine backing," as the West assumes. This, in theory at least, should make Islamic societies receptive to democracy and pluralism; so why do liberal Western powers dedicated to human rights cuddle up with modern oil-producing 'caliphs'," who tyrannise their

peoples, particularly their women, in the name of religion?

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and popularising. Some of the contributors are already well-known while others are lesser known distinguished academics, but all argue that the oppression of women in Muslim societies has nothing to dn with Islam, but with power-seeking mullahs and politicians, as well as underdevelopment. Islam postulates equality between the sexes, enjoins both to acquire knowledge, and gives women the right to own and manage property, to initiate marriage and divorce. Among early exemplars are women of the Prophet's household and many women who governed or ruled Muslim countries, from Egypt to India.

Fatima Mernissi, the Moroccan sociologist, points out that Islam emphasises individual responsibili-

The American historian Eleanor Doumato states that in Saudi Arabia all discussions relating to women's rights and human rights are referred to the Sharia (Islamic law) but that the Sharia is often vague. It was codified two to three centuries after the advent of Islam hy male jurists anxious to the caliphs of the day, and is a temporal set of rules subject to interpretation and change. Its amhiguity has allowed Saudi authorities to curtail women's rights to work, drive a car, travel and study, while it has enabled more enlightened rulers (such as King Hussein) to introduce reforms.

Syrian scholar Bouthaina Shaahan points out that women have been excluded from the interpretation of Koranic verses concerning women and their rights, and that male com-

mentators have imposed their views throughoul history for their own political ends. She gives examples of women interpreters pilloried hy the religious establishment because they demonstrated the affinity between the Koranic texts and the rights for which they were strug-

Faith & Freedom ends on a cheerful note: the election of Toujan Al Faisal, Jordan's first woman MP. In 1989 Jordan held its democratic elections since the imposition of martial law following the 1967 war with Israel. Of the 650 candidates, 12 were women - Al-Faisal, a journalist and feminist activist, was among them. "They insult us, and we elect them," she wrote in an article. Immediately two "religious" leaders charged her with apostasy, asked the court to divorce her from her hushand and remove her children from her care, and passed a fatwa against her life.

Her case had repercussions. Together with other women candidates she was defeated, while 20 fundamentalists were elected. Later she was declared innocent of all charges and won a seat in the general elections of 1993. Her article which caused the controversy and won her the fatwa appears in the appendix of this illuminating book. I recommend Faith& Freedom to all readers interested in the state of human rights, hut especially to Western feminists — il puts our own preoccupations into perspec-

> By Shusha Guppy The Sunday Times

Israel, PLO try to settle crisis

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Playing down the criticism from Mr. Arafat, he assured journalists on Thursday that Israel would "respect its commitments" but stressed the dates had yet to be settled. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said the first phase of withdrawal from Palestinian towns would be completed on

Nov. 17 in the Jenin area. Mr. Peres called Mr. Arafat late Thursday and the two agreed to meet Sunday to try and defuse tension and work out a final timetable for an Israeli withdrawal.

The Palestinians insist that the Israelis promised to begin a troop pullout within 10 days of the Sept. 28 signing ceremony, and have dismissed a withdrawal from four villages this week as cosmetic. But Mr. Peres said Friday

that the government could not move faster because the accord first had to be ratified by Israel's parliament on Oct. Israel has said it would begin pulling out of Jenin only in mid-November. "I think there are some misunderstandings," Mr. Peres told Israel Radio Fri-

day. "We started with the withdrawal in four Arah villages... and we said that for Jenin, the withdrawal will end hy Nov 17."

In response to the Palestinian complaints, Mr. Rabin has asked the army to review its timetable and try to begin

prolonged closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip and Israel's refusal to release four Palestinian women pris-

"The worst think in the process is the hlackmail on the subject of the prisoners, the chief Palestinian negotiator, Ahmad Qoureia, told the Associated Press. "Israel did not respect what it has signed.

The agreement stipulates that all Palestinian women prisoners be freed in the first stage after the signing. However, Israeli President Ezer Weizman and the West Bank's army commander, Major General Ilan Biran, have refused to pardon four prisoners held for involvement in murder.

The closure has been in effect in the Gaza Strip since Sept. 20 and in the West Bank since Sept 27. The travel ban keeps two million Palestinians, includings tens of thousands of labourers. from entering Israel.

Israel said it imposed the travel ban in response to warnings that militants would carry out suicide attacks in Israel. The army said the closure was to be lifted Tues-

In protest against the clo-sure, the Palestinians announced that they would boycott the Middle East and North Africa economic summit in Amman. Israel had hoped that the gathering could spur joint Israeli-Arah husiness and development projects.

Hizbollah kills 3 soldiers

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Bosnian warfronts mostly quite

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movements are carried out under the cover of darkness. Thursday's amhush followed a series of incidents in South Lebanon, the last active war front in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Israeli army units punching

out of the occupied enclave

have blown up suspected guerrilla hideouts in two separate sweeps in the past two days. The first attack hefore dawn Wednesday sparked a shootout in which a guerrilla was killed. An Israeli soldier

and two other guerrillas were Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin inspected the scene of the latest attack accompanied by the army chief of staff, General Amnon Shahak, Israel radio said.

out of Sarajevo west to Kisel-

jak was not. The U.N. can

use that road, but Sarajevans

Mr. Sacirbey said the gov-

ernment would boycott the

peace talks if the roads were

not opened, the Croatian

weekly Globus reported. U.N. officials said they

were "very worried" by the

developing situation in the

area where government forces hacked with Croat

artillery pounded Bosnian

Serh positions throughout

Thursday with over 300

Both sides accused each

other of further violations of

cannot.

A lieutenant and a sergeant were killed on the spot, while a second sergeant died in hospital after the casualties were evacuated by helicopter. The latest attack raised to

18 dead and 74 wounded the

year, according to an AFP toll. Buriais were held in Israel on Friday. Peres blamed Syria, the main power-broker in Lebanon where it has 35,000 troops, to

the Hizbollah operation and said it was linked to the deadlock in peace talks.

in advance that we accept the Syrian conditions, which is number of Israeli casualties in South Lebanon so far this out of the question," said the foreign minister. Syria wants a full. Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Foreign Minister Shimon Heights, which the Jewish state seized in 1967, and rules out Israel's demand to main-

The problem is Syria is doing nothing to prevent these attacks, a fact that it doesn't even try to hide." he said "I seriously doubt

the truce which began first thing Thursday. Official Bos-

nian radio reports spoke of a

and tank attack" being laun-

ched by Bosnian Serb forces

forced to respond. The

army's defensive hines remain

strong despite the attacks."

In Bihac, the army's re-

gional hase, a Bosnian army

Fifth Corps officer told AFP:

"Serbs are attacking at 10 points along a 50-kilometre

(30 mile) front for the gov-

"Bosnian army units were

in the area.

the radio stated.

ernment

combined artillery, infantry

the two countries' military chiefs of staff held talks in Washington in June but failed to make any significant

tain an early-warning station

Their U.S.-mediated peace

process has been stalled since

in case of a pullout.

progress.

Damascus is going to change

its attribute so long as the

peace negotiations are in

radio, said the Syrian leader

wanted Israel to bow to all his

Mr. Peres, speaking on the

"President Hafez Al Assad

wants Israel to dance to the

tune of his flute. He demands

deadlock.

conditions.

(Continued from page 1) Terrence White and his Afghan translator Mohammad Bashir were injured when a mortar firing tube exploded next to where they

Kabul says

were standing. Mr. White's injuries were not considered lifethreatening. Mr. Bashir's condition was not immediately known.

The strain of the continued Talihan advance on Kahul was showing on the streets of the shattered city.

United Nations relief workers based in the capital said a growing number of Afghan families were fleeing the city

Arafat steps up Hamas contacts

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agreement that would include non-violence pledge by Hamas and the terms for its participation in Palestinian general elections scheduled for the spring.

Mr. Arafat said Thursday that Hamas has already made a decision in principle to run in the elections. The most important thing is that we have a decision to participate, with all the capability, in all the political procedures including elections." he said.

A Hamas leader.

Mahmoud Zahhar, on Friday confirmed Mr. Arafat's assessment. "We have no objection to participating in any elections, hut now we

are negotiating a ceasefire can't speak about elections. except after knowing what are the details of such elections," Mr. Zahhar told Israel army radio, speaking in

English. A Hamas pledge 10 stop attacks would remove a major threat to Israeli-Palestinian peacemaking. Hamas bomhings have steadily eroded support in Israel for conceding more land to the PLO, and Israel has warned it would suspend the planned West Bank troop pullhack if Mr. Arafat failed to rein in the militants.

Friday's Hamas statement accused the PLO of holding dozens of militants in jail as bargaining chips. "We refuse

to allow the question of the detained... to be used as means of exerting pressure."

"Mr. Arafat had promised

Hamas representatives that

all the detained... would be

freed on the day of the sign-ing of the Washington accord" to extend autonomy on the West Bank. A Hamas spokesman in Amman, Ibrahim Ghosheh, on Thursday turned down an invitation from Mr. Arafat for the group to take part in

self-rule elections. "The movement still refuses to take part in Palestinian elections because its position has not budged," he said. Hamas would also "call on the Palestinian people to boycott these elections.

No controlled oil sale – Iraq

(Continued from page 1) bute them (the materials) as stymied by the embargo, he well," Mr. Abadi said at a World Energy Council meet-

ing in Japan. ending on Fri-Referring to the U.N. embargo. Mr. Abadi said lraq had already complied with all U.N. requirements and added: "The ball is now

in their court to decide what they will do." He said Iraqis could continue to eke out a living

despite the emhargo. Mr. Abadi said Baghdad wants to be involved in meeting Asia's booming oil needs and was holding informal talks with various companies in Asia on possible areas of

cooperation. But the talks have been

"Asia is a growing oil consumer hub. Iraq wants to play a role in supplying the area's energy needs," Mr. Ahadi

"It will benefit both regions. Iraq can supply Asia the oil and Asia can share with lraq its technology. There's room for economic

cooperation. "We are looking for and urge consortiums from Japan, South Korea and other Asian countries to come to lraq now and not to wait until after the emhargo

is lifted," he said. If the United Nations lifts its trade emhargo, iraq could swiftly return to presanctions production levels. Mr. Ahadi said. "We can increase produc-

tion up to two million harrels

a day instantly. But it will take another six months to reach three hecause we'd need to import certain chemicals for treatment. Mr. Ahadi added that most

of Iraq's oil installations which were destroyed or damaged during the Gulf war had been restored at an estimated cost of \$6 hillion, using internal funds.

He said Iraq currently produces about 500,000 harrels of oil per day to meet domestic demand and supplies to Jordan. He added that Iraq has 25 super-giant and super oil fields that are ready for development.

Clinton vows U.S. support for world's poor

WASHINGTON (R) -President Clinton, saying the next few years are critical for the world economy, vowed that the United States would not turn its back on the rest of the world and its poorest citizens.

"It is the most intensive period of economic change since the industrial revolution," Mr. Clinton told policymakers from 180 nations at the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World

"No nation can turn its back and we will all have to work together if we want the promise of the 21st century to outweigh its peril," be added.

The meeting has been con-sumed by doubts about Washington's willingness to continue to play a leading role in the two financial institutions at the core of the

world economy. Mr. Clinton promised the delegates his administration would stand by its international commitments and criticised American voices of

isolation.

Much of the concern at the annual meeting has centred on the future of the International Development Association (IDA), a World Bank affiliate that lends money at no interest to the world's poorest countries, mainly in Africa and Asia.

World Bank President James Wolfensohn and some of his organisation's harshest critics came together to urge the United States and other rich nations not to cut back

"This is an unusual press conference," said Julia Taft, president of Interaction. which groups 150 U.S.-based

relief agencies. "But these are unusual times. The richest nations of the world are turning their backs on the poorest of the poor."

Tight-fisted Republican lawmakers are poised to slash in half U.S. contributions to TDA — a move that has been roundly criticised by rich and poor alike here.

Mr. Clinton attacked the proposed cuts as shortsighted and said that funding IDA was one of his administration's top priorities, not only because it was the right thing to do but also because it was in America's self-

He argued that a more prosperous world would be a more stable one and said the U.S. budget could be ba-lanced without cutting critical international aid.

tomorrow's conflict," Mr. Clinton said, "Resolving the funding for dealing with today's despair will save the world and the United States a lot of money and perhaps even precious lives in the

Mr. Clinton spent much of his first speech to an IMF/ World Bank annual meeting congratulating the international community for coming to the rescue of Mexico, which was on the brink of defaulting on its foreign debts earlier this year.

"In only nine months, with the help of the international community, Mexico has pulled back from the brink of financial disaster," he said. "Mexico is again on the road to stability and growth."

His upbeat remarks echoed those of visiting Mexican "Today's despair breeds President Ernesto Zedillo,

that his country's economy was on the meno.

"The stage is set for Mexico to become what it can and will be - a high growth economy," Mr. Zedillo said.

The United States spearheaded the \$50 billion scue of Mexico, but the IMF also played a major role in providing money and advice, despite initial European misgivings.

Mr. Clinton said the international economic system would be better prepared for the next Mexico-style economie crisis, but made clear that further work is needed.

These next few years are a critical point, an historic turning point," Mr. Clinton said. "If we do our job, the history of the next century will be less bloody than the history of the 20th century."

IMF chief says no country needs to cut aid to balance its budget

WASHINGTON (AP) - No government should cut its aid to poor countries with the excuse that it needs money to balance its budget, the head of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said in a slap at the U.S. Congress.

This is the kind of alibi that world public opinion should reject," said IMF Managing Director Michel Camdessus.
Mr. Camdessus pointed

out that governments devote only a small part of their spending to foreign aid. For the United States, it's less

than one per cent.
"We should ask ourselves: Where is the peace dividend? Remember, when the Berlin Wall went down we all of us thought... that military expenditures would go dramatically down." Mr. Camdessus said.

It would have been natural to expect money saved from military spending to go for aid, Mr. Camdessus went on. "But I fail to see how much if anything development

assistance has benefited from the supposed peace di-

President Clinton has asked for \$1.4 hillion for the bank's International De-

(IDA) fund, which provides loans to the world's poorest countries. But Congress wants to cut that by half or

velopment Association

Mr. Clinton's proposal would meet a commitment made during the administration of president Bush. IDA lends \$6 billion a year on easy terms to 78 of the world's poorest countries.

World Bank President James Wolfensohn, at an earlier news conference, predicted that Mr. Clinton's strong support will push Congress to give more money for

Mr. Clinton told the IMF meening that he would fight against what he called reckless cuts in the U.S. contribution. The meeting has heard a chorus of warnings from world financial leaders against the prospective cuts.

Mr. Wolfensohn said that as a result of the president's strong statement, he believes a committee of both houses of Congress next week will accept the Senate figure of \$775 million instead of the \$575 million passed by the

House of Representatives. Mr. Wolfensohn said he was praying that the final amount can be even higher. A debate is now in progress on how the U.S. contribution can be brought closer to the pledge, Mr. Wolfensohn said, suggesting that the Clinton administration could make some arrangement involving other items in the federal budget.

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applittee.

A shortfall would put pressure on other countries to make up the difference. But Mr. Wolfensohn said he doubted that would be done. and if it is, he said U.S. companies likely would be barred from any contracts funded by the funds.

The cuts reflect Republican opposition to international lending programmes as well as congressional efforts to balance the hudget by

There is a variety of things he (Clinton) can do. Mr. Wolfensohn said. "He has to approve the budget as a whole.

Most important Mr. Wolfensohn said, will be the U.S. role in providing for the loans in the three years that start next July. Mr. Clinton had signalled his strong support for the loan fund's next replenishment, Mr. Wolfensohn

Turnover, prices decline at AFM

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Turnover at the Amman stock market dipped sharply this week and stock prices shrank by 1.5 percent as investors sought to switch holdings to primary issues. brokers said. The said the market largely resisted largescale sales during the week as thus the relatively low tumover despite good offers for speculators.

The weekly report of the Amman Financial Market (AFM) said volume for the week ending Thursday was 5.3 million dinars, compared with the previous weeks' 10.3

The report said 2.7 million shares changed hands under 3.121 contracts concluded during the week and the daily average trading for the week was 1.1 million dinars

compared with 2.1 million dinars for the previous week. The official AFM index based on 60 major companies from among the 120 listed in the market closed at 158 points, down 2.4 points or 1.5 percent from the previous week's 160,4 points.

Banks and financial institutions accounted for 2.54 million dinars, or 47.5 per cent of the weekly volume; followed by industrials with a turnover of 1.44 million dinars or 2" percent, the services sector with \$10,000 dinars or 15.2 percent, and insurance stocks with 550,000 dinars or 10.3 percent.

Services sector shares gained 0.4 percent during the week while commercial banks dipped by 1.9 percent, industrials by 1.2 per cent and insurance by 11 percent. The week saw shares of 88 companies changing hands.

with 11 of them gaining, 59 slipping and 18 remaining Brokers said investors were seeking to shift holdings to primary stocks issued by several new firms, mostly in the

tourism sector, and hence the decline in prices. "Most buyers resisted large-scale deals," said a broker. "Therefore the volume dipped and those who needed urgent liquidity sold at market offers and this accounted for the dip in prices," added the broker, who, like all AFM dealers, cannot be identified by name under standing market

However, this week's trend was only temporary since most investors are looking for concrete signs of projects involving local firms emerging at the Oct. 29-31 Middle East and North Africa economic summit in Amman, the broker said.

THE Daily Crossword by Harvey Chew

IMF seen drawing closer

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) was given a man-date this week to strengthen its surveillance of economic policy and performance requiring close contact with financial markets and the private sector.

Contacts between the fund's staff and the private financial sector will be inten-sified," the Belgian chairman of the IMF's policy-making Interim Committee, Philippe

Maystadt, told AFP.
The aim of the strengthening of the fund's watchdog role is to detect possible weaknesses at an early stage so as to avoid being caught by surprise by sudden crises like the one that hit Mexico last

The Interim Committee gave the go-ahead Sunday for the regular provision by governments of precise data on trends in their economies for surveillance purposes.

For the first time, the ministerial panel also asked the fund to take into account "the views of marked partici-

Fund staff could learn much from the latter and "there may also be differences of perception between IMF officials and bankers on the situation in a given country," Mr. Maystadt, who is Belgium's deputy premier and finance minister, explained.

"Quite recently, bankers gave me some disquieting information about the longer term viability of the financial

to private sector, markets

sector in an Asian country, while, in the view of the IMF, this country was carrying out its programme in a perfect way." he added.
According to Mr. Maystadt, IMF staff will contact operators in the market, notably via the Washington-

based Institute for International Finance (IIF). The IIF membership consists of major international banks and finance firms which are among the main players in world financial

markets. They would be the main users of country economic data collected by the IMF, which "is now increasingly demanding concerning the quality and accuracy" of inormation provided.

The fund will now refine a set of 17 "core" economic and financial data categories for countries having or seeking access to the capital markets, on which financial intermediaries will be kept briefed through an electronic bulletin board

It will also assist countries

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in streamlining their machinery for collection of statistical data and adjusting it to market needs.

But at the same time, the fund will have to be careful not to expose "risk countries" to speculation.

The IMF is also watching

the markets for another reason. IMF Managing Director Michel Camdessus noted here that the Mexican crisis has demonstrated how strong and sudden pressuures can build up in today's globalised markets.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin has repeatedly said in recent months that the fund must be as strong as the

Mr. Maystadt said the IMF is increasingly keeping a watch on the strength of the banking and financial sectors in its member countries.

But Mr. Camdessus also told the IMF and World Bank annual meetings here this week that no country could afford to reject the benefits of the integration of world markets.

Gaidar: Russian economy on right track if communists stay out Minister Viktor Chernomy-MOSCOW (Agencies) —

Prominent reformer Yegor Gaidar Thursday issned guarded praise for the government's economie course, but warned that a communist victory in upcoming elections could be more dangerous than many think.

Mr. Gaidar, a leading Russian economist and head of the largest reformist bloc in parliament, has grown in-creasingly critical of the gov-

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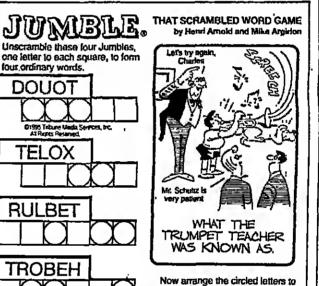
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ernment for slowing market reforms he championed after the Soviet collapse in 1991.

But on Thursday, he said, "I'm glad that at least in some directions, the government has begun to shift toward more common sense."

The government's financial stabilisation policy has "a definite chance of success," he said, despite several short-

He also bailed Prime



form the surprise answer, as sug-gested by the above cartoon.

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"It was just another dull, boring day at work, except for the part where Larry's head exploded from stress."

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rdin's initiative in removing tax exemptions for some huge Russian industries but said the prime minister

didn't go far enough. Mr. Gaidar said too many tax benefits remain, particularly for the natural gas monopoly Gazprom, which

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FORECAST FOR SATUR-DAY, OCTOBER 14, 1995 By Thomas S. Pierson. Astrologer, Carroll Righter Astrological Foundation

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) This is a good day to gain the added goodwill of friends, relatives and neighbours, so get an early start upon such activities.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Study your financial status carefully today and plan how hest to increase your income for the future in the case of a rainy day.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Your mind is filled with fine ideas which should be put in motion today so that you can add to your present success and become noticed by those in charge.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Get that information you need to become more prosperous in your field of endeavour so that you can become more successful.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) This is a good day to meet with as many persons as you can. Talking over mutual ideas and aims get you good results.

VIRGO: (August 22 to eptember 22) Get out early his morning and handle public and career activities which are difficult to hundle during the busy coming week.

LIBRA: (September 23 to @ October 22) This is a good day today to contact those at a distance and show you want to continue dealing with them in the near future.

SCORPIO: 10ctober 23 to November 21) Decide what you desire later this evening and then talk your plans over with person in business who can be of great assistance. SAGITTARIUS: (November

22 to December 21) Endeavour to get advice from a dynamic person who is restless but very successful in coming up with problable ideas to make new products. CAPRICORN: | December 22 to January 20) Know how you want your labours to irend and look into new inventions and solutions which will make your career activities casier.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) You arise feeling happy if properly attuned to planets today and can have delightful time with your friends and fellow associates. PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Keep rooted to home and real estate affairs today, and improve them considerably and you will gain benefits in the days

Birthstone of October: Opal Tourmaline



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**THE CENTRAL Traffic

Committee decided to re-

commend to the Ministry of

Industry and Trade the

approval of setting up a pub-

lic shareholding company to

transport passengers between Jordan and Israel. The re-

commendation specified that

the company should have a

capital of at least JD 5 million

with twenty buses to operate

on the following routes:

Amman-Tel Aviv-Amman,

Amman-Haifa-Amman.

Irbid-Haifa-Irbid, Aqaba-Eilat-Aqaba, and Amman-

Nazareth-Amman. The committee said that the company

should be registered within

three months and that the

founders' share of the capital.

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The committee also discus-

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Strip. The committee called

on all those interested to

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Investments will hold an ordinary and an extraordin-' ary meeting on Sunday to approve the bank's financial accounts for 1994 and to discuss the recommendation of the board of directors to raise the capital of the bank from JD 15 million to JD 25 million. According to the bank's general manager, Maher Shukri, the increse in capital may take place through private subscription. The delay in holding the meeting. PISCO Special Control of the first part of t Bank to publish the financial accounts because of differing views on the calculation of allocations and how it should Perdiction of Property be covered. The bank's recorded a JD 1.5 million net

loss last year (Al Ra'i).

Russian economy to begin growing in '96.

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Mr. Chernomyrdin once ran. Along with tax exemptions, Mr. Gaidar said, corruption is seriously threatening stabilisation efforts and keeping Russia from reaching the next stage of reforms.

"The main problem with our current capitalism is... the intimate ties between business and bureaucracy," he said, criticising rampant bribe-taking in local govern-

Mr. Gaidar is gearing up for Dec. 17 parliamentary elections, in which the Communist Party and other conservative factions are ex-

pected to fare well. His party, Russia's Choice, has failed since 1993 elec-

Observers say the several - and fractured - reformist parties stand little chance of of winning more than a few seats in the State Duma, the lower house of parliament,

unless they unite. Mr. Gaidar warned that Russia's communists, unlike their more reformed counterparts in eastern Europe, are dominated by imperialist and nationalist forces.

"They are not shifting from red to pink, bot from red to brown," be said. "Their ascent would mean the asceot of a party of ruin and war.'

It could also mean the reversal of the market reforms Mr. Gaidar has pushed for since serving as Yeltsin's prime minister in 1992. "It's an illusion that we've passed the point of no re-

turn," he said. "As one of the architects of Russian reforms, one of those involved in trying to make reforms irreversible, I must say that, regrettably, they are fully re-But he remained optimistic

about the reformers' chances. "(The democrats) may even win," he said. But their success relies on their ability to attract young people to the

The communists are backed staunchly by many older Russians, disillusioned by the loss of Soviet stability and benefits and unable to adapt to new job demands and a chaotic free market.

which tends to support market reforms, largely stayed away from the last parliamentary polls. In Washington, reform chief Anatoly Chubais said

The younger generation,

that Russia's economy would begin growing next year, but he offered the West strong words of advice on how to handle its own economic

A speech from Mr. Chubais to the Interim Commit-

tee of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) read like a textbook of monetarist economic logie, effectively turning the tables on Western officials who have spent years telling Russia what to do.

"It would seem that the slight moderation in the rate of growth (in industrialised conntries) is temporary," said Mr. Chubais, a first de-

puty prime minister.
"It should bardly be viewed as a signal for pre-maturely loosening monetary policy to the detriment of a strategy aimed at price stability; he added.

Soaring paper prices cause biggest headache to publishers

FRANKFURT, Germany (R) — International publishers at the world's biggest book fair said Friday their biggest headache was the

soaring cost of paper.

Media moguls around the globe have faced a paper chain of pain with rocketing newsprint prices and the book business faces a similar battle trying to trim its costs. Paper prices bave climbed by 50 per cent in the last two years and further increases are expected three 3h to 1998, said German Publishers

Association Chairman Ro-

land Uhner.

off-loaded onto the book price and are a burden on returns," he said at the Frankfurt book fair, which has attracted 9,000 publishers from 97 countries.

European paper suppliers are being investigated by the European Union on suspicion of operating a cartel. "Its outcome is eagerly awaited by publishers," Mr. Ulm

The tale is the same on both sides of the Atlantic. "This year it has been a major headache. We are very badly hit," said John Lyon, vice president of the Bostonbased Little Brown and Company. "The increase in the price of paper adds to our costs but we cannot automatically pass it on to the market

At French publisher Hachette, 40 per cent of the cost is paper. "It is a major problem. We have been seriously affected," said Vice Technical Director Bernard Perronet.

"We use 40,000 tonnes per paperback and about 200 million tonnes of paper a year. The price rises have cost us an extra 30 million francs (\$6

Hachette tried to compensate by pushing exports and making the most of currency weaknesses in Spain and Italy, be said.

Britain's publishing industry has been in turmoil with the abandonment of a eentury-old price-fixing The net book agreement

had allowed publishers to set a minimum sales price. With its collapse, bookshops and supermarkets have packed their shelves with discounted books.

Hodder headline was first

to abandon the agreement? when it published cut-price editions of John le Carre's

'Our Game''. "Paper has been a big" issue and prices have gone up 50 per cent in two years. It is an additiooal pressure," said Hodder headline group chief executive Tim Hely Hutch-

"Paper costs are 7.5 per ceni of sales. If they go up 50 per cent, it impacts our mar-gins," he said. But this has been counteracted by Le Carre sales almost doubling and other best-sellers taking off in the new discount market.

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BANK OF JORDAN	122,618	3.510	2.510	3.700
MIDDLE SAST INVINITIEST SAME.	18,836	2.280	1.280	1.220
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DAME	96,635	2.360	2.260	2.360
JORDAN KUMAIT BANK	15,447	2.780	2. /80	2.770
JORDAN GULF BANK	522,440	1.200	1.700	2.170
ARAB JORDAN ZHVESTNIKHT SAHK	3,750	3.760	3.740	3.750
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BUSINGE BANK	11,330	3.490	3,490	3.420
JORDAN INVESTMENT & FINANCE MANY	23,785	2.710	3.710	2.710
BETT ELMAL SAVINGS THVESTHENT FOR MOUSING	16,750	3.490	3.400	3.290
AISSAN BANK FOR INVESTMENT	105,548	0.410	0.930	0.910
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JORDAN RINES ROMERAL	125	2.500	2.500	2.500
JORDAN NATIONAL SMIPPING LINES	1,236	2.630	2.630	2.650
MATIONAL PORTFOLIO SECURITIES	#0,287	2.040	2.040	2.040
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT	2,841		1.090	1.050
MACRIBARY BOUTS. RENTING & MAINTENANCE	6,970			
JORDAN PRESS FOUNDATION / ALRA'1	970			9.700
UNITED MIDDLE MAST & COMMODORS ROTHLS	30,960			2.290
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JORDAN PROSTRATE MINES	14,823	3.020	3.010	3,000	
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WOOLEN ISINGTRIES	63,221	1.450	1.450	1.630	
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ARAB PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURING	11,670	4.000	4.800	4.700	
JORDAN CERANIC INDUSTRIES	14,053	5.980	5.980	5.980	
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INTERMEDIATE PETRO-CHENICAL INCURTAINS	6,873			
HATIONAL INDUSTRINE	22,420		1.090	1.070
MATIONAL STEEL INTUSTRY	11,906			
ARAD PAPER CONVERTING & TRADING	22, 192			
GENERAL INVESTMENT	2,360			2.600
LIVESTUCK & POULTRY	220,670			
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COMPANY .2 NAME	TRACINE VOLUME JU	PREV. CLOSING PRICE	-	PRICE
CENTRAL GENERAL TRADING & STURAGE	2,647			
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ARAR FIN INV.CO	9,422			2.230
UNION INVESTMENT CORP. SOR	\$1,505			1.050
ABAN POOD & MEDICAL APPLIANCES	62,496		0. \$ 20	0.530
ANAB INVESTMENT & INCHMATIONAL TRADE	7,384		0.900	0.890
TOHIDAN INDUSTRIES & MATCH/JINCO	30,600		0.700	0.700
ENTIONAL CHLORIDE IMPOSITIES CO. LTD	2,576		0.560	0.560
CATIONAL TEXTILE & PLASTICS IND. CO	21,049		1.720	1.680
SATER DIES & MOULDS	17,109	1.040	1.090	1.040
L-SAY READY WEAR HARDFACTURING CO.	6,561	0.890	0.020	0, 970
MIVERBAL METALS	16,028	2.710	2.110	7.120
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ORDAN STREET	7,913		D.060	0. 22 D
RAD ELECTRIC INDUSTRIES	210,457		1.030	1.010
WICH TORACCO	8,319	0.720	0.750	0.770
ALZ PEARHACEUTICALS	12,817	1.510		1.470
NOUSTRIPS ENGINEERING	2,590		0.850	0.050
MODETRIAL CERAMIC), KEO	0.780	0.780	0.760
TENTILE MANUFACTURER	14,199		1.350	1.2ID
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ZARL KARITARY PAPER CONVERTING	43,174	0.700	0-200	0. 290
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U.S. Dollar .	0.7120	0.7140
Sterling Pound	1.1219	1.1275
Deutsche Mark	0.5018	0,5043
Swiss Franc	0.6387	0.6218
French Franc	0.1433	0.1440
Japanese Yen*	0.7049	0.7084
Dutch Gallder	0.4481	9.4503
Swedish Krons	883444	*****
Italian Lira*	0.0443	0.0445
Belgian Franc	. 884144	11444

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Lebanese Lira*	0'.04365	0.04445
Saudi Riyal	. 0.1895	0.1910
Kuwaiti Dinar	2,3050	2.3610

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London foreign exchange and

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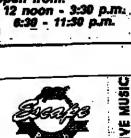
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TOKYO (AFP) — Michael Chang moved through to the next round of the one million dollar Seiko Super tennis tournament here on Friday but will not have the chance to avenge his loss in last year's final to Goran Iva-

nisevic who crashed out. Ivanisevic, who came into the tournament with a fever and was in bed for 10 days

before coming to Tokyo, lost his quarter-final match 6-7 (2/7), 6-7 (5/7) to Hendrik Dreekmann of Germany.

Chang was an easy 6-2, 6-0 winner over 9th seed Alexander Volkov of Russia, and now he will take on Henrik Holm of Syndan who eliminated to the seed and the Holm of Sweden, who eli-minated 14th seed Byron Black of Zimbabwe 6-3, 6-7 (8/10), 6-1,

Meanwhile, up-andcoming Australian teenager Mark Philippoussis continued his giant killing run, beating 4th seed Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands 6-7 (4/7), 7-6 (7/5), 6-4 to earn the right to play Dreekmann.

was very calm today. because I had nothing to lose. Even if I lose, it's no shame for me," said Dreekmann, ranked 114th. "If he (Ivanisevic) loses against someone who is ranked more than a 100, it's not a shame but it's not too good for him."

"I was just trying to win my service games... that was all. When he was serving well, there were no chances at all. It's up to him. What I did well today was just to stay calm," added the German. Dreekmann hroke Iva-

nisevic first to take a 5-3 lead in the opening set, and the Croat pulled one back in the

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following game, but it was Ivanisevic's only converted break point in the \$6-minute match.

Although he hit 16 aces and won 37 out of 48 points on his first serve, Ivanisevic had to save a total of eight break points against him.

The Croat fired a lighting services return winner to take a 3-0 lead in the second set tie-hreaker, but after trading mini-breaks twice, he misfired his forehand on his serve to lose the match.

"He deserved to win," said dejected Ivanisevic, who has not won a title since winning in Tokyo a year ago. "He played so smart, be played against my backhand and moved me round. I had my chances but I couldn't take

"I was mixing a lot, hitting a lot of slice, slice, slice... like Sanchez (I don't remember which Sanchez)... I don't know why... I was defensive on my serve, because he just returned and I always hit slice, slice... that's the way I played today," said the second seed.

Philippoussis, who caused a sensation by hitting 44 aces in 15 service games in his second round match in Kuala Lumpur last week, reaching the final, survived a war of power serves against the World number 15 Krajicek.

'Today, it was just a battle of the serves. He was serving huge for the first two sets and I had no chance on his serve," said the 18-year-old from Melhourne.

"But he started missing some first serves in the



Michael Chang

secood set tie-breaker and the thrid set, and I did take my chances - that was the

key point.
"I didn't have many aces. hut I definitely had a lot of

__vice winners and I wasn't down a hreak point at all today. So that's very good. I'm happy ahout that," said Philippoussis, ranked a career high of 60 this week.

Young Ern hopes to shine in Paris

PARIS (R) - British fiveyear-old Young Ern, riddeo by multiple Irish champion Miehael Kinane, could make amends for last year's dis-appointment in the seven-furloog (1.4-km) Prix de la Foret at Longchamp on Sun-

Loogchamp will stage another group ooe event on Sunday, the Grand Criterium, which is reserved exclusively for two-year-old colts and fillies.

The prix de la Foret has drawn a less competitive field than last year and could

prove a good occasion for Young Ern to shine after secood places in his last three outings, including the Group Ooe Prix Maurice de Gheest at Deauville. Last year, the son of Efisio

finished a creditable fourth to Bigstone, only to be disqualified and placed last for causing interference.

Other borses coming back for another shot at this race are Neverneyev, third last time, who is returning after a lay-off, and Mutakddim, who will be to improve on last

IAAF announces 1996 schedule

athletic schedule for 1996 features meets on all five continents, including new events io Japan, Australia, Russia, South Africa and India.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) aonounced the schedule Thursday for its Grand Prix meets, including a pre-Olympic event in Atlanta. It will be presented to the council for final approval in De-

There will be a Grand Prix meet on May 18 in Atlanta at the main Olympic stadium. replacing the New York

"The Grand Prix will have a stopover in Atlanta for the inauguration of the Olympic stadium there," said IAAF President Primo Nebiolo. We will have a very big celehration in regards to the Olympie games.

The top-tier Grand Prix I meets will start as usual in Sao Paolo, Brazil, in May 5. and then move to Japan for a new event in Tokyo on May

The series will also make a new stop in Moscow on June 7. "Russia is one of our most important federations. Nehiolo said.

There will be a hreak in the schedule between July 12 and Aug. 10 for the Olympics, where the track events will be

held from July 27 to Aug. 4. There will be a total of 40 Grand Prix meetings — I8 AGP I, 12 GP II and 10 IAAF permit meetings as well as the final.

In the second-level Grand Prix II series, a meet in Melbourne, Australia, will open the season Feh. 29. There will be additional events in Johannesburg, South Africa, April 14 and New Delhi, India, April 28,

"All the continents will participate in the Grand

Prix," Nebiolo said. The Grand Prix final will be held in Milan, Italy, Sept. 7. Prize money for the season's overall winner will be increased to \$200,000, while

PARIS (AP) - The world \$100,000 bonus will be on offer for anyone setting a world record during the final.

We have increased the money for the final, bring it to \$3.4 million," Nebiola said. "An increase of more than a million dollars over last year."

Nebiolo said that the IAAF is still seeking a major sponsor for the series. The contract with Mobil coded this year.

"This money we are giving is the money we have in our hands now." Nebiolo said. We are now negotiating to find new partners and we are quite confident to find a good new partner."

The calendar meeting coincided with a seminar of the harmonisation of doping issues within the IAAF. Nobiolo said representatives from 35 national federations and six international federations attended.

"It was almost the first time that we all discussed about these matters and the regulations from so many different countries and confront our ideas and see what could be done and what could not be done," Nehiolo said.

One example of different rules was tackled in the case of salbutamol, an inhalant for asthma that some federations allowed with prescription while others didn't.

Dr. Arne Lundqvist, the president of the IAAF Doping Commission said that the IOC Medical Conunission at its last meeting in Atlanta, decided that certain products related to saihutamol, at the request of many federations. will be reclassified.

"It opens the possibility for treating asthmatic athletes without violating the doping rules," Dr. Lundqvist said. adding that the proposal will be made to the IAAF council in December.

Dr. Lundqvist also said that the number of no-notice testing for next year would be increased from 1,200 to

He said that 70 per cent of the medallists of the recent World Championships were tested by no-notice testing, event winners will get most before the world cham-\$50,000. In addition, a pionships.

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Lewis wants to be given the same scheduling consideration as fellow American

Lewis deserves special treatment in the scheduling of events at next year's Olympics in Atlanta.

International Amateur Athletic Federation President Primo Nebiolo stopped short, however, of saying that the timetable will be changed in order to henefit the eightome Olympic gold medallist.

"It is normal that sometimes something special should he done for a great athlete, especially a great athlete who has written some of the pages in athletie history," Nebiolo said of Lewis.

"We understand that 'a great athlete wants to have the most favourable timetable to do his events," Nebiolo added. "For the ome being, we don't know what will become of this or what decisions will be taken." Joe Douglas, manager of

Lewis' Santa Monica Track Cluh, sent a lener to the IAAF this week asking that the Atlanta schedule be altered to that Lewis can compete in the IOO metres, 200 metres and long jump. Lewis won those three

events at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics and added a fourth gold in the 400-metre relay. The Atlanta games will be Lewis' fourth and final

"The only thing I can say is that we are very satisfied that Mr. Lewis is determined in continuing on with the sport and he wants to take part in a great number of events," Nebiolo said. "He has already given much to athletes in the sport."

The scheduling issue will

Lewis letter welcomed by Nebiolo PARIS (AP) — The head of athletics' world governing Council meeting in Monte body said Thursday that Carl Carlo in December.

that the 400 is completed before beginning the 200.

"If the precedent of sche-

sprioter Michael Johnson. Johnson is asking the

IAAF to rearrange the Atlanta ometable to help him try for an unprecedented gold-medal sweep in the 200 and 400 metres. Johnson, who won those two events at this summer's

World Championships in Gotebortg. Sweden, wants

the two events separated so

duling changes is in fact being set, I respectfully request that Carl Lewis' opportunity to compete in all of his events be taken into consideration. Douglas said in the letter made public Tuesday by the IAAF.

"As the schedule staods now, the 200 metres and long jump are to take place simultaneously. I would request that the 100 metres, 200 metres and long jump be separated."

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ROME (R) -- Arrigo Sacchi, the national soccer coach many Italians love to hate,

has accepted an invitation to join his critics in the "anti-Sacchi club." Set up by Carlo Tomagnini, a former local councillor

for tourism in the Riviera town of Alassio, the club is open to all soccer fans professing a dislike for Sacchi.
The membership fees go to charity.

Tomagnini, appearing on a television soccer show, asked Sacchi whether he wanted to join too. "Why not," replied the coach much criticised for constantly changing Italy's line-up in nearly five years in

deal at news conference

NEW YORK (AP) — Pernell Whitaker, seldom caught off guard in the ring, was surprised Thursday at a news conference. It seems that manager

Shelly Finkel and promoter Dan Duva bad worked out a multi-million-dollar, multifight deal that will enable the 31-year-old welterweight champion to finish his career fighting on U.S. cable television channel HBO and its pay-per-view arm TVKO.
"I didn't know anything about a new contract," said

Whitaker, who appeared at a news conference expecting only to talk about a title defense against Jake Rodriguez Nov. 18 at Atlantic City and about a possible fight against IBF welterweight champion Felix Trinidad of Puerto Rico in March or

Trinidad will defend his title against Larry Barness on the Nov. 18 card.

Whitaker still has to sign the new television deal, which Duva called one of the largest contracts outside of the heavyweight division. Seth Abraham, president

of Time Warner Sports, which operates HBO and pay-per-view TVKO, said the deal was for six to eight fights and was potentially more lucrative than the HBO-TVKO deal with super middleweight champion Roy Jones Jr. Jones has an agreement that could cover 20 fights and earn the fighter \$65

Boxing-TV deals are based on potential earnings, HBO-TVKO had a 10-fight deal. with Riddick Bowe that could have been worth \$100 million. The deal, bowever, ended with the second fight in the package when Bowe lost a rematch to Evander Holy-field in 1993.

What could make the Whitaker deal more valuable is the quality of some of his

LONDON (R) — England coach Terry Venables, slammed by Britain's tabloid press

after his side's 0-0 draw

against Norway but still re-

the job by the broadsheets.

could stay in charge until the

The Football Association

(F.A.) said on Friday, two.

days after England's draw in

Oslo, that talks aimed at ex-

tending Venables's contract

beyond the European Cham-

pionship finals in June were

F.A. spokesman Steve

Double said: "Terry Ven-

ables has not been offered a

new contract at this moment '

but discussions will take place

He said Venables, F.A.

Chairman Sir Bert Millichip

and Chief Executive Graham

Kelly spoke about the coach's

future in Oslo and "the chair-

in the near future."

1998 World Cup.

taking place.

garded as the only man for Hotspur and Barcelona, said

Italy's Sacchi joins the

anti- Sacchi club



WBC super lightweight champion Julio Cesar Chavez, potential sparring partner to Pernell Whitaker (AFP photo)

possible opponents, according to Abraham.

Whitaker could have rich fights agaisnt Trinidad, WBO lightweight Champion Oscar de la Hoya, WBC super lightweight champion Julio Cesar Chavez of Mexico and WBA limiter walterneight champion walterneight champions walterneight champions walterneight champions and the champions walterneight walterneight champions walterneight champions walterneight champions walterneight champions walterneight walterneight champions walterneight walterneight champions walterneight walternei junior welterweight cham-

pion Frankie Randall. A Whitaker rematch, against Chavez — they fought to controversial draw in 1993 — and a fight against Randali, bowever, would require agreement between DUVA and promoter Don King and HBO and Showtime, another cable station.

Chances of a Whitaker-Trinidad fight happening

English F.A. wants to retain

coach until next World Cup

man expressed his view that

Venables, successful for-

mer manager of Tottenham

earlier this month he had

turned down a lucrative offer

to coach troubled Italian

Terry Venables about the In-

ter Milan job. It's a dead

"I want Terry to stay until after the 1998 World Cup.

That is our intention. We

want him to be successful.

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England's draw in Oslo

"We are eight months

Millichip said: "I spoke to

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duck now.

he foresaw Terry taking England to the 1998 World Cup."

appear to be good if both win

Nov. 18, as expected.
"I want to show I'm the best pound-for-pound welterweight champion," said 22-year-old Trinidad, 26-0, with 22 knockonts.

"No one gets to the top unless he deserves to be on top and to get to the top be's got to fight the best, and Pernell Whitaker has fought the best," said Whitaker, who can stake a serious claim to being the best pound-forpound fighter in the world. Whitaker's record is 36-1-

1, and he also has beld pieces of the lightweight, junior wel-terweight and junior mid-dleweight titles.

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Bruce Moseley operated on Olajuwon's left elbow Tuesday to drain fluid and remove an infected bursa sac. Minor swelling and pain in the elbow had bothered Ola-

juwon all summer, but the joint flared suddenly this week to the size of a grapefruit. Doctors decided to do the procedure imtheir thrid in six. Striker Alan mediately. "We drained the infection nationals in more than a year

and then removed the sac," Dr. Moseley said. "It won't the tabloids criticised make any difference for him Venables's persistence with a that he doesn't have the bursa sac in his elbow. Olajuwon, who is still rest-

ing a sore back that kept him from playing Shaquille O'Neal one-on-one in late September, was under full anesthesia for about 45 minutes during the operation. He must remain inactive

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Whitaker surprised by own | Far from glamour, Juninho joins Middlesbrough

LONDON (AP) - Juninho. a Brazilian start rated the "new Pele." could have joined any of the biggest clubs in the world. He chose Middlesbrough, a modest club which has never won a major title.

The club may have moved to a new, 30,000-seater stadium. But it has never been in the same league as Inter or AC Milan, Real Madrid, Barcelona, Manchester United, Liverpool or Arsenal.

Until now.
"Boro, which climbed into the Premier League last sea-son as champion of division one, has an ambitious. money-spending owner who is only 37.

Steve Gibson has taken a club which almost folded nine years ago into one which can rival the big guns when it comes to transfer dealing. "The people of (Middles-brough have suffered 120

years of mediocrity," Gibson said. "We've had great individual players but we've never had a great team. We've never been beyond the sixth round of the FA Cup and we've never been close to playing in Europe."

Now Gibson is about to change that, Middlesbrough surprised its rivals during the summer

Olajuwon

might play

in Rockets'

opener

HOUSTON (AP) — Barring unforeseen complications

with his sore back and an

ailing elbow, Hakeem Ola-juwon should be ready for

the Houston Rockets' Nov. 3 National Basketball Associa-

tion (NBA) opener, team

doctors say. Doctors Walter Lowe and

by hiring Tottenham's rising England star Nicky Barmby for £5.2 million (\$7.8 mil-

Then manager Bryan Robson, a former England captain and on the oational team's coaching staff, flew to Brazil to persuade budding superstar Juninho to sign for

Arsenal certainly bad been interested and there were reports that Inter wanted Juninho to join his countryman Roberto Carlos at San Siro. But "Boro gor there first and Juninho arrives in England Monday to meet the Middlesbrough players and

That means he won't be there to see his team face Sheffield Wednesday in a Premier League game sche-duled Sunday for live TV

He arrives in a league that is brimming with overseas talent and now can rival Italy's Serie A as a magnet for some for the best players in the world.

He will face Dutch star Ruud Gullit and Chelsea. Dennis Bergkamp at Arsen-al, Ghana's Tony Yeboah at Leeds, French forward David Ginola at Newcastle and Manchester United's Eric Cantona.

Yet Middlesbrough is some 402 kilometres north of the high spots of London and his couniryman Mirandinha, who used to play for Boro neighbour" Newcastle.

would be able to warn him it is a cold place to live. Mirandinha, a former Palmeiras striker who played two seasons for Newcastle. wore gloves during the mid-winter games and his form dropped considerably before be departed in 1988 without

making a major impact. Like most towns in north England, Middlesbrough is built around heavy idustry with an ugly skyline of factory towers and mountains of waste from the coal mines.

Such towns were the birthplace of star England's players such as Bobby Charlton. Paul Gascoigne and Kevin Keegan. But Juninho won't find his surroundings as col-ourful as London. Milan or

So why did he join?
"My new manager, Bryan
Robson has assured me that our team will not play aerial ball like most England clubs," he said back home in Sao Paolo. "Robson wants his team passing a dribbling Brazilian style.

Barmby and Norwegian forward Jan Aage Fjortoft

already have set up goals "Brazilian-style" with slick back-heeled passes and Middlesbrough sits comfortably at seventh in the 20-team standings with only one defeat in eight games.

"Boro hopes the hiring of Juninho, which has reduced its title odds from 150-1 to 50-1 with the bookmakers, will bring the club out of the shadow of its north-east rival Newcastle, which stands atop the Premier League four point clear of the rest.

Keegan's Newcastle travels to erratic Queens Park Rangers hoping for three more points to strengthen its hold on top spot.

Rangers has won three and lost five this term under the guidance of former AC Milan midfielder Ray Wilkins and its fans will be frustrated to see last season's star. Les Ferdinand, return to Loftus Road a Newcasile player.

Aston Villa, level on points with Manchester United but ahead on goal difference. hopes to profit from a home game against 10th place Chelsea while the Reds hope that Eric Cantona will be fit for the home game against cross town rival Manchester City, which is last and has only one point from eight

two first team appearance since returning from an eightmonth ban imposed for attacking a spectator, broke down with a knee injury after 18 minutes of a reserve game

Saturday. According to United, his chances of facing City improve by the hour but Thursday was the first day he had been able to kick a ball with-

out pain. Fourth-placed Liverpool hosts a Coventry team which has slipped to third from last while Leeds, in fifth, hosts

six-place Arsenal. Tottenham, which is ninth, can climb by beating eighthplace Nottingham Forest at

Next to last Bolton hosts another struggler, 15th-place Everton, and defending champion Blackburn, which languishes in 14th hopes to take advantage of a home game against 17th-place

outhampton. The remaining game in the schedule. Wimbledon-West Ham, takes place Monday. Leicester and Millwall.

which are ued on 21 points in division one, have home games Saturday. Leicester hosting eight-place Charlton and Millwall receiving seventh-place Transmare.

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Anti-nuclear physicist wins Nobel Peace Prize

Award seen as protest against French, Chinese nuclear tests

OSLO (Agencies) — Sending a message of protest against nuclear weapons testing, a Nobel committee awarded its 1995 peace prize Friday to British physicist Joseph Rotblat and the group he helped found to rid the world of atomic arms.

The committee cited the 86-year-old Rotblat and the Pugwasb Conference on Science and World Affairs for their efforts to "diminish the part played by nuclear arms in international politics and in the longer run to eliminate

The conferences were founded in Pugwash, Nova Scotia, and are based in London. They have worked to get scientists to "take responsibility for their intervenout of a "desire to see all nuclear arms destroyed and, ultimately, in a vision of other solutions to international disputes than war," the Nobel citation read.

The Norwegian Nobel Committee awarded the \$I million prize to Mr. Rotblat and his group to mark 50 years since the United States dropped two atomic bombs

In hailing the winners, the Nobel Prize Committee chairman condemned countries such as France and China for continuing to test ouclear weapons.

One of the reasons for the prize is a sort of protest against testing of nuclear weapons and nuclear arms in general," committee chairman Francis Sejersted told

This is also a message to all of the world's nuclear powers," he said. "Of course it's more current this year, among things, because of the

NEWS IN BRIEF

AMMAN (J.T.) — Shabir Naqshabandi, a noted Muslim

Naqsbabandi expressed deep appreciation of His Majesty

King Hussein for playing a significant role to solve the

long-pending Palestinian issue. He also said the Muslims of

India extend support for a peaceful settlement to the

Bosnian conflict. Mr. Naoshabandi and his delegation were

transiting to Iraq and will return to Jordan Oct. 19. They

are hoping to meet with King Hussein to convey the good

wishes of the president of India, Shankar Dayal Sharma,

and people of India to the King and people of Jordan. Mr.

Naqshabandi also said he hoped that following this

goodwill mission to Jordan relations between Jordan and

India will be further strengthened, and he said the people

of India were eager to receive King Hussem in "the historic

Palestinian communists to stand in elections

RAMALLAH (AFP) - The small Palestinian communist

party announced Ftfday it would stand against Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat in

elections due next year. "We will go to the elections. We are in the middle of preparing for them," Suleiman Najjab, a member of the politburo of the Palestine People's Party,

told AFP in Ramallah. "We are showing a third way, for

we are not opposed to the negotiations themselves (with

Israel) but the way in which they have been conducted," he

added. Mr. Najjab is one of Mr. Arafat's opponents within the PLO's Executive Committee. "We feel we deserve

better and we can win more" in the negotiations with Israel

on Palesninian autonomy. The party would publish a

manifesto calling for greater democracy, a respect of

human rights and the rule of law. It also wanted to promote

"an improvement in the economic and social situation of

Closure of W. Bank, Gaza increases prices in Israel

TEL AVIV (AP) - Prices of fruits and vegetables have

risen by an average of 50 per cent over the past month as a

result of the closure Israel imposed on the West Bank and

Gaza Strip, the Agriculture Ministry said Friday. The

closure bars tens of thousands of Palestinian labourers from

jobs in Israel, including many who work in agriculture, and many crops remain unpicked. The increases were highest for cucumbers and tomatoes which doubled in price, the

Agriculture Ministry said. Prices could drop by 30 per cent

if the closure was lifted. Gaza has been sealed since Sept.

20 and the West Bank since Sept. 27. Israel said it imposed

the travel ban in response 10 warnings that militants planned to carry out suicide attacks in Israel. The closure was to be lifted Tuesday.

3 Pakistanis beheaded in Saudi Arabia

RIYADH (AP) — Three Pakistanis convicted of drug trafficking were beheaded Friday in the Red Sea port city

of Jeddah, the Interior Ministry said. The executions raised

to 187 the number of beheadings in Saudi Arabia this year.

already higher than any previous year. Most of those

beheaded this year were Asians and Africans who had been

BANGKOK (AP) - The Saudi Arabian embassy has

protested to the Thai government that a local fashion magazine printed a picture of a dress with "God" written in

Arabic script in its design, embassy officials said Thursday.

The embassy asked the government to take strong action

against the magazine, named Prae, and the shop selling the

Saudis protest Thai-designed dress

convicted of drug offences.

the Palestinian people," he added.

Indian Muslim leaders visit



Joseph Rotblat

new (French) nuclear tests in the Pacific.

French President Jacques Chirac this year resumed nuclear tests in the South Pacific despite international condemnanon. Beijing continues to test nuclear weapons in western China, ignoring Western protests.

The peace prize was the second Nobel this year to send a direct political message. On Wednesday, a Dutchman and two Americans won the chemistry prize for alerting the world about

ozone depletion. The Polish-born Rotblat, a nuclear physicist and professor emeritus of physics at the University of London, is president of the Pugwash movement and the most important figure in the confer-

ence's work, the citation said. He was the only scientist to resign from the Manbattan project that developed the first atomic bomb when it became clear Germany was not developing a nuclear

In 1988, the year he be-came president of the conferences. Mr. Rotblat wrote in the London newspaper Independent that "three major problems facing the human race (are) risk of nuclear war, degradation of the environment and global poverty."

Forty years ago, Mr. Rotblat and 10 other scientists issued a manifesto declaring that researchers must take responsibility for their creations, such as the atomic bomb.

The manifesto laid to the foundation for the Pugwash conference," the citation

'The conferences... have underlined the catastrophic consequences of the use of new weapons," the citation said. "They bave brought together scientists and decision-makers to collabo-rate across political divides on constructive proposals for reducing the nuclear threat."

The laureate, now a British citizen, told Reuters in London: "I am glad that our work has received official recognition and I hope that it will help other scientists recognise their social responsi-

He added: "I bope it is a message not only to the Freoch but to the Chinese as

The French governent con-gratulated Rotblat but reaffirmed its commitment to its nuclear testing programme.

"We congratulate the win-ners" of the 1995, foreign ministry spokesman Jacques Rummelhardt said in Paris. "France wants disarma-

ment, including nuclear disarmament, (to go ahead) in security, because it is security which allows disarmament, he added.

Baghdad says is the true will Lebanese of the Iraqi people.
The ballot, which includes protest President Saddam's picture. ask: "Do you approve of plans to

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Chants of "yes, yes Saddam Hussein" filled the streets Underneath is the line make a cross on the answer of your choice, with two boxes indicating 'yes' or Iraqis prepared to vote in the

Sunday's referendum on President Saddam (AFP photo)

Iraqi Vice-President Taha Moheiddin Maroouf (right) on Thursday visits an exhibiton of photographs of

President Saddam Hussein in Baghdad. The exhibition is as part of a government campaign ahead of

The voter's name is not mentioned and there is no identification number on the ballot. Voting is not obligatory and no penalties apply to those who do not participate. officials said.

Special programmes dedicated to President Saddam dominated the television. with a musical backdrop swaving from Iraqi pop to European classics to tradi-

tional Arab songs.
Hundreds of expatriate Egyptian workers also rallied for President Saddam in central Baghdad Friday. Waving branches cut off trees and carrying poster protraits of the Iraqi leader, they chanted "One Arab Nazion" and marched to pipes and drums along the banks of the Tigris

coup that toppled the monarchy in 1958 and arguably since civilisation was born in Mesopotamia more than 5,000 years ago.

Iraqi television has been running hours of interviews with people full of praises for Presideot Saddam, who has been elevated to the status of sole guarantor of the country's survival.
"Yes to Saddam Hussein..

the embodiment of confidence in a radiant future." said a headline in Al Thawra. the newspaper of the ruling Baath Party.

"When we pay homage to Saddam, we pay homage to the honour of Iraq," said a slogan above the masthead. But simultaneously newspapers printed articles explaining the referendum as

the landmark in a transformation from "revolution-ary legitimacy" to constitutional government.

A booklet published by the It will be the first chance ordinary Iraqis have had to vote for or against a leader.

Ministry of Information and Culture said President Saddam and the Baath Party had

Iraq feverish for referendum a longstanding commitment to constitutional government but whenever they tried to introduce it, foreign enemies thwarted them.

First there was the eightyear war between Iraq and Iran, then the military campaign against Iraqi forces in 1991, it said. It did not mennon the invasion of Kuwait in

"Iraq will continue the piecemeal implements on of this programme according to its own perspective, not the American," the booklet con-

But diplomats have explained the referendum as largely a response to the defection in August of two of President Saddam's sons-inlaw, who fled to Jordan with President Saddam's daugh-

The defections were a clear sign of cracks in the Iraqi leadership and of President Saddam's dependence on an increasingly narrow circle of



criminal case against puppet show

MOSCOW (R) - Russian

legal authorities said they had halted criminal proccedings against the satirical Kukly Puppet Show which pokes fun at President Boris Yeltsin and other political Temporary Acting Prosecutor-General Oleg Gaydanov said the case initiated by his predecessor Aleksei Ilyushenko, who was sacked Sunday, had been dropped but gave no details. "We have dropped the case against Kukly," he told a news conference, declining any further contment. In a case launched last July, Kukly was accused of denigrating Mr. Yeltsin and senior government officials by portray-ing them as impovertished tramps living in a hovel on Russia's minimum wage of 44,700 roubles (\$10) a month. Kukly. or "Dolls". appears weekly on the independent NTV channel which has often been at odds with the government for its often critical coverage of events, including the Russian military campaign in Chechenya.

Selena's killing was accident defence

HOUSTON (R) - De-

fence attorneys said the

woman accused of murdering U.S. ntusic star Selena shot her accidentally in a dispute provoked by the singer's tyrannical father. But prosecutor Carlos Valdez said the young star was murdered in a "senseless, cowardly act of violence" by the defendant Yolanda Saldivar, who was desperate after she was caught embezzling money from the Selena Fan Club she founded. "This is a simple case of murder. That's what we've been saying all along. That's what we intend to prove,' Mr. Valdez said after opening arguments in the trial of Ms. Saldivar, who is accused of shooting dead Selena Quintanilla Perez on March 31 in a motel. Selena, 23, was the top female star in Tejano, a bybrid music style hugely popular along the U.S.-Mexico border. An album released last June that included her first songs in English was briefly the top-selling U.S. record. Defence attorney Douglas Tinker told the jury Ms. Saldivar became "almost like a sister" to Selena after she started the singer's first fan club in 1991. But he said the relationship threatened Selena's father; Abraham Quittanilla, wbom he painted as intent on controlling his daughter and ber career. Mr. Tinker said Mr. Quintanilla tried to drive a wedge between ? the two by accusing Ms. Saldivar of stealing money from the fan club. But, Mr. Tinker said, Ms. Saldivar's friendship meant to so much to the singer she hired her to manage her clothing boutiques and continued dealing with her despite ber father's objections. However, Selena's widower Chris Perez told the jury the singer had discovered financial irregularities in the clothing businesses and wanted to get

extend leader of India and a prominent journalist, and Sayed Viquddin, president of Indo-Arab League Thursday ar-Hrawi term rived from Delhi along with 7-member delegation which includes prominent Ulemas and Muslim scholars from different parts of India on a goodwill mission. Mr.

BEIRUT (R) - More than 120 Lebanese intellectuals protested on Friday against plans to extend the term of President Elias Hrawi without holding an election due under the constitution.

In a letter to parliamentary deputies they said plans for parliament to amend the constitution next week to allow Mr. Hrawi's six-year term to be extended for three years were "stabbing democracy in Lebanon in the back."

The letter demanded that parliament leave untouched the constitution. which makes no provision for an extension of the president's term and bars the incumbent from re-

election.
"The choice is between holding elections that restore to the nation its right to free choice... or stabbing democracy in the back and treating the Lebanese as an immature nation under custodianship," the intellectuals said.

It was signed by 128 university professors, writers, journalists, doctors and trade unionists and was addressed to each of the 128 members of parliament. Copies of the letter were distributed to the

Arafat increases Hamas contacts GAZA (Agencies) - Pales-

tine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat stepped up contacts on Friday with Hamas in an effort to turn the militant group's opposition to a peace deal with Israel into political channels and away from vio-

here Friday as millions of

country's first presidential re-

Iraqi capital and bands play-

ed to the glory of President

Saddam. Portraits of the Ira-

qi president were hung in

stores, and slogans praising

the "father and soul" of the

country covered walls

voted their front pages to Sunday's election, describing

at length why Iraq's 7.5 mil-

lion voters should support

President Saddam - the only

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foreign officials and journal-

ists invited to cover the re-

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Thousands marched in the

PLO official Tayeb Abdul Rahim told reporters that a number of Hamas representatives from the West Bank were to meet Mr. Arafat in Gaza on Friday.

"A delegation from the West Bank is going to meet the president in the next " Mr. Abdul Rahim told reporters.

Another official, who spoke on condition he not be named, confirmed Mr. Arafat had met overnight with four Hamas men who had held consultations with leaders of the group in Sudan earlier this week. The official called the over-

night meeting "successful and comfortable" but he gave no details. Mr. Arafat himself told re-

porters: "Inshallah, there will be good beginnings. The delegation from Khartoum had positive and constructive. meetings there for the interests of this people and the Arab and Islamic nations."

Hamas has led opposition to the PLO's peace deal with Israel. Its militants have killed scores of Israelis in

suicide attacks. But there have been signs the group was searching for accommodation with the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) running self-rule areas set up under the peace accord.

Mr. Arafat, under Israeli pressure, has cracked down hard this year on Hamas supporters in areas under his control.

Hamas said Friday that it has not yet decided whether to stop attacks on Israel.

The group was responding to reports that it had already made a pledge to Mr. Arafat that it would refrain from "Hamas has not committed

itself up to now to stopping military activities against the Zionists," said a Hamas leaflet distributed in the Gaza

However, the tone of the leaflet was conciliatory. Hamas said it would "respond positively to all good calls and sincere efforts aimed at unifying the ranks of the Palestinian people."
Hamas and PNA officials

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Court sentences 4 in Solingen arson

(R) - A court in the German city of Duesseldorf jailed four young men on Friday for the racist murder of five Turkish women and girls in the town of Solingen in 1993 which sparked international. outrage.

Presiding Judge Wolfgang Steffen sentenced 25-year-old Markus Gartmann to 15 years for the arson attack and gave 10-year sentences to Felix Koehnen, 18, Christian. Reher, 19 and Christian Buchholz. 22, who were all tried

as juveniles.
The attack was the worst in a three-year wave of racist and neo-Nazi violence which followed unification in 1990. and prompted a storm of protests inside and outside Germany.

The announcement brought uproar from the accused and their families in the courtroom. "I'm going to kill myself today. There won't be any appeal." Mr. Koehnen

His father began to weep and ran out of the chamber. Other members of the families of the accused in the public gallery shouted to Judge Steffen: "You swine."

The 1993 attack sparked several days of riots by Turks in Solingen, an industrial town in Western Germany,

DUESSELDROF, Germany and calls for improvements in what many regard as the second-class status of fore-

igners living in Germany. The victims were all members of the same family -Saime Genc. aged 4. Hulya Jenc. 9. Gulustan Ozturk, 12. Hatice Genc. 18 and Gursun Ince. 27. The verdict came at the

end of a tortuous 18-month trial which was plagued by conflicting confessions from two of the defendants and by reports of investigators' blun-

Reher, a schoolboy of 16 at lhe time of the attack, had admitted carrying out the deed, while Buchholz and Koehnen maintained they were innocent. They were all given the maximum sentences for juveniles.

Gartmann made a signed confession incriminating all four, but then withdrew it.

Prosecutors insisted the confession was accurate and demanded a life sentence for Gartmann. But they had to do without prima facie evidence after police bungling which included failing to take samples from the scene of the

Judge Steffen told the court there was no serious doubt that all four men had been involved in the attack.

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ministers had offered a 16 per the next six months, and 16 per cent for the six months (\$I.14 billion).

losing ". country over \$10 million a day in exports.

Ciller faces tough choices ahead of crucial vote ANKARA (Agencies) — A hard to get rid of their tough-former minister resigned talking leader, Turkey's first return to the fold before Sunbelieve Ms. Ciller will be

from Ptime Minister Tansu Ciller's party on Friday, adding to an open revolt and tightening the screws on her minority government ahead of a weekend confidence

Parliament officials said Ersin Faralyali, a former energy minister, quit Ms. Ciller's True Path Party (DYP) to join five other ex-DYP deputies opposing her bid to win a vote of confidence on Sunday. One deputy resigned last week, four more on

Thursday. Mr. Faralyali is from the anti-Ciller camp of the party - mostly supporters of former DYP leader and now President Suleyman Demirel - that has been working woman prime minister.

Ms. Ciller's vote of confidence is already in jeopardy from a three-week public sector workers' strike that her backers want resolved before they cast their votes.

Bulent Ecevit, leader of the Democratic Left Party (DSP), has issued what he termed a "final warning" to Ms. Ciller, calling for a swift and just resolution to the strike.

Mr. Faralyali's resignation reduces the DYP to 176-deputies. Ms. Ciller must secure a simple majority of those voting out of the 428 deputies in parliament. As well as Mr. Ecevit's DSP of 10 MPs. a far-right nationalist party of 17 deputies has pledged support if she resolves the strike, Turkey's biggest for decades. Ms. Ciller also hopes for support from independents. Ms. Ciller, still struggling

to control a majority in the Turkish parliament after her coalition collapsed last mooth, finds herself in the uncomfortable position of having to please both left and right, trying to resolve the month-long wage dispute at the same time as securing a majority in Sunday's vote.

Following the breakdown of the coalinon between her DYP and the People's Republican Party (CHP). Ms. Ciller was forced to turn to the right to win the backing of parliament.

Ismail Kose, a DYP deputy chairman, said the six disaffected deputies could still

"We have a lot of time until Sunday." Anatolian news agency quoted bim as

telling reporters. "As one who knows these colleagues well, I believe common sense will prevail." The labour confederation of Turki-IS has been lobbying MPs to oppose Ms. Ciller in Sunday's vote, and has rebuffed the latest government offer, which Ankara raised

late on Thursday after saying it could not afford to budge. Anatolian news agency said Turk-IS was standing by its pay demands, which call for a total 70 trillion lira (\$1.4) billion) payment from state coffers for around 650 000

public workers. Turk-IS officials say they

forced to approach them now that the vote looks increasingly in doubt. Anatolian said Ms. Ciller's

About 350,000 workers have joined the strike, which began on Sept. 20 over an initial government pay rise offer of 5.4 per cent for 1995, Ports, sugar mills and paper mills stand idle, railways have been disrupted and wheat

and sugar production are threatened in the strike, which trade officials say is

Motorist foils film robbery

DUBLIN (R) - A Dublin

driver blocked the escape of a robber who had shot a security guard - only to find he bad stumbled into the making of a film. The civic-minded reversed bis car into the path of a motorcycle on which the robber and his driver were making their escape, knocking both of them down. The men "seemed stunned and bewildered", the Irish Times reported.